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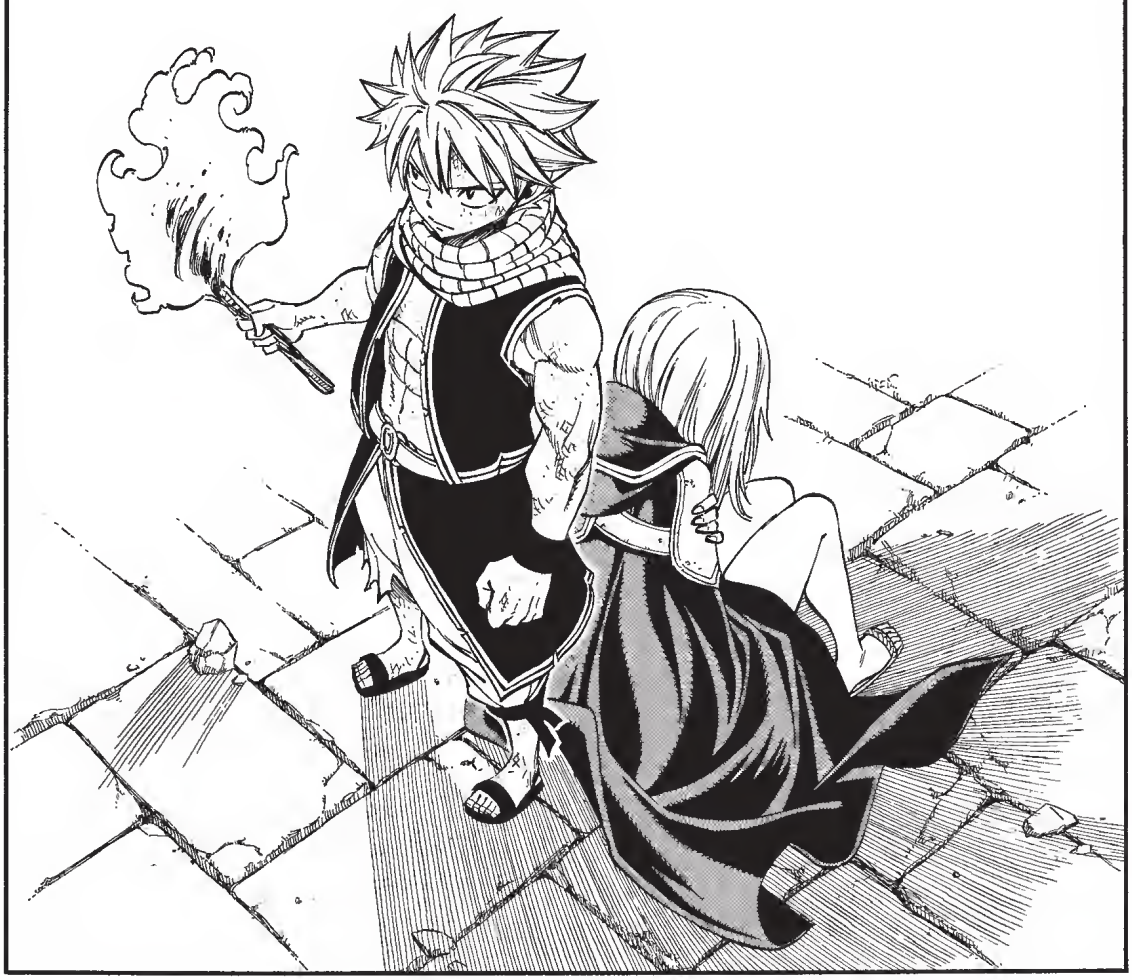

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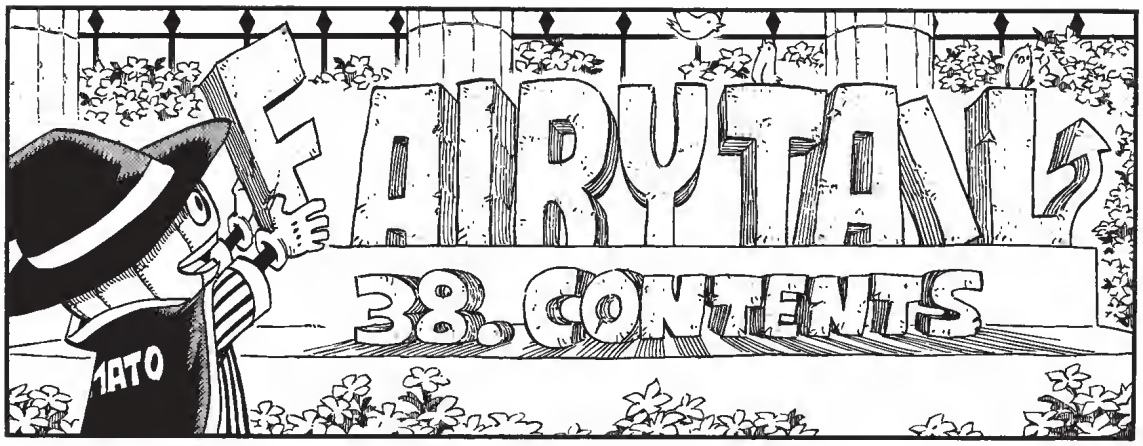

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Chapter 318: Gajeel vs. Rogue

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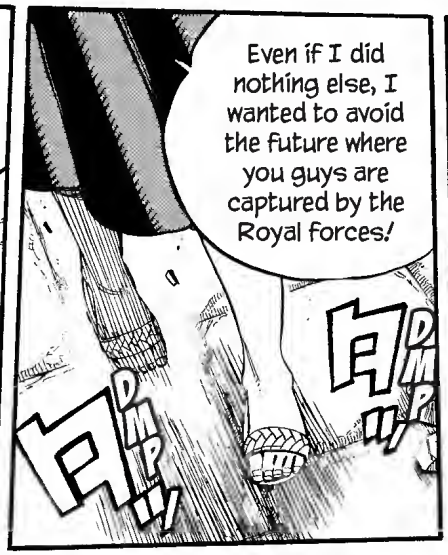
This way!!
DMP
DMP
DMP
DMP

That makes sense.
So you mapped out the underground routes, huh?
TIP
TIP
TIP


Even if I did nothing else, I wanted to avoid the future where you guys are captured by the Royal forces!
DMP
DMP
DMP

You really know these hallways.

TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP

!

I'm sure everybody's worried about us!
We have to get above ground quick and set off the signal!

There they are!!! The jail-breakers !!!!
HYAAH
HYAAH
HYAAH
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
Get 'em!!!!

U-Um ...!!
Exactly!
Nothing to worry about! As long as we got magic, we ain't getting captured!

They shouldn't have been stationed here...

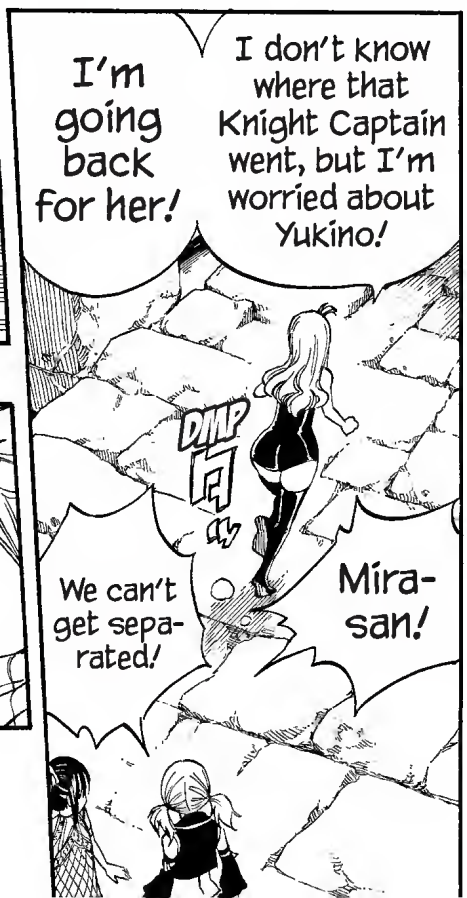
You're kidding...
The Royal forces ?!

TROMP TROMP TROMP
TROMP TROMP TROMP
...
Why'd they go off without a word...?
Yukino isn't here either!
What ?!
Arcadios-san isn't here!!!
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP
TROMP

Right!
We'll take them here...

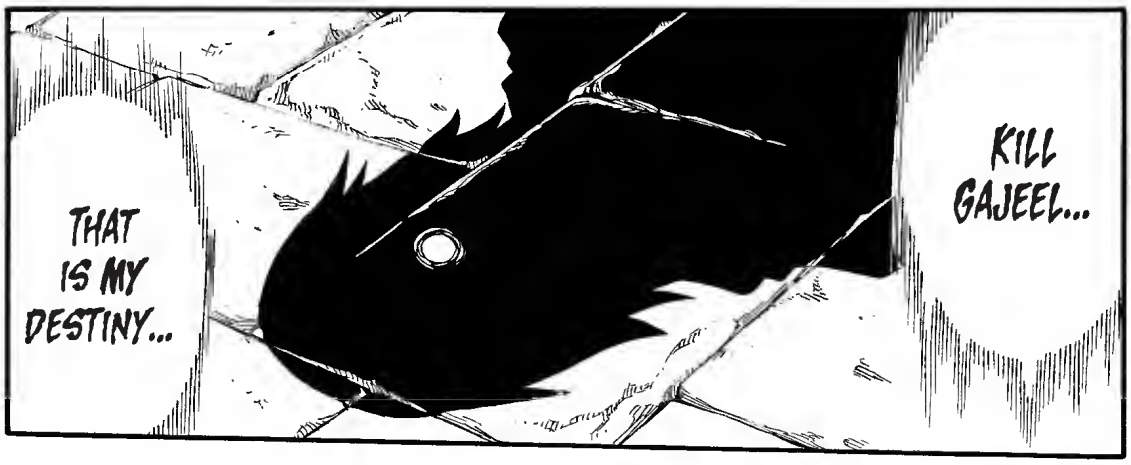
Take care, you guys...

We got this!!!


I'm going back for her!
I don't know where that Knight Captain went, but I'm worried about Yukino!
DMP
We can't get separated!
Mira-san!

And break through 'em!!!!
YOOO

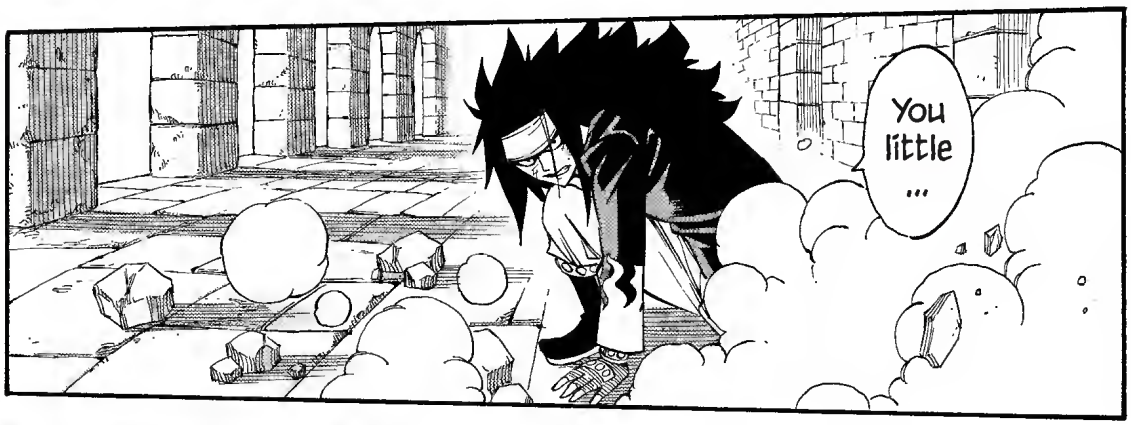
Hey... What's this all about?
Ohh...
Oh...
Ohhh...
Ohhh...


THAT IS MY DESTINY...
KILL GAJEEL...

AA
AA
AA
AA
AA
AA
AA
AA
I'LL GIVE YOU THE POWER TO DO IT!
Pull yourself together, okay?!
Urg...
Urrrgh...
URRGHH...

GANCH
That was quick! What was it?!
Gajeel !!!
SKRRRRCCH

Here it comes !!!
Maybe Gajeel shaid shomething to anger him?
Wh-What do you think is going on? Rogue is acting strangely!!

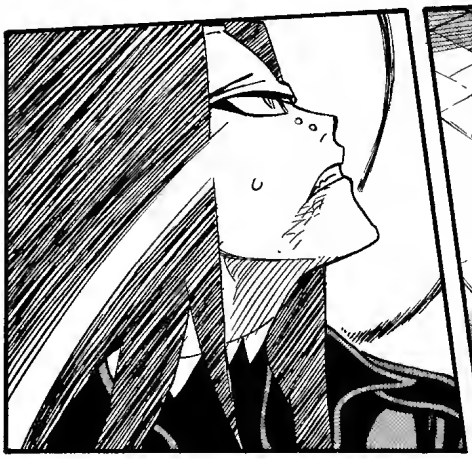

You little ...

Who are you?
Heh heh heh...
I'll lend you a little bit of my power, Rogue!

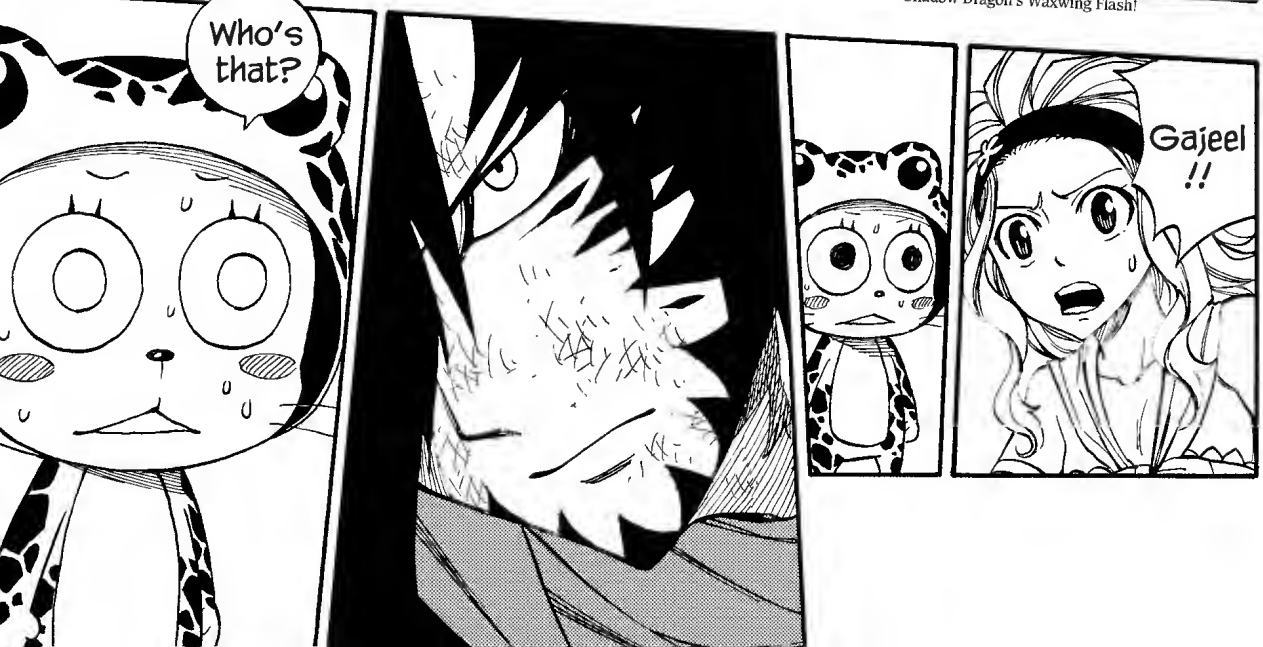
I am Shadow ...
The shadow that rules over fate!
ゴゴゴゴ
RUMMMMMBLE

!
What the hell are you talking a—
GAH !!
GRUNCH !!
I don't know what's up with you, but you wanna take this to the end?
Sounds fun!
KRAK
WOOSH

*Iron Dragon Sword



*Shadow Dragon's Waxwing Flash!

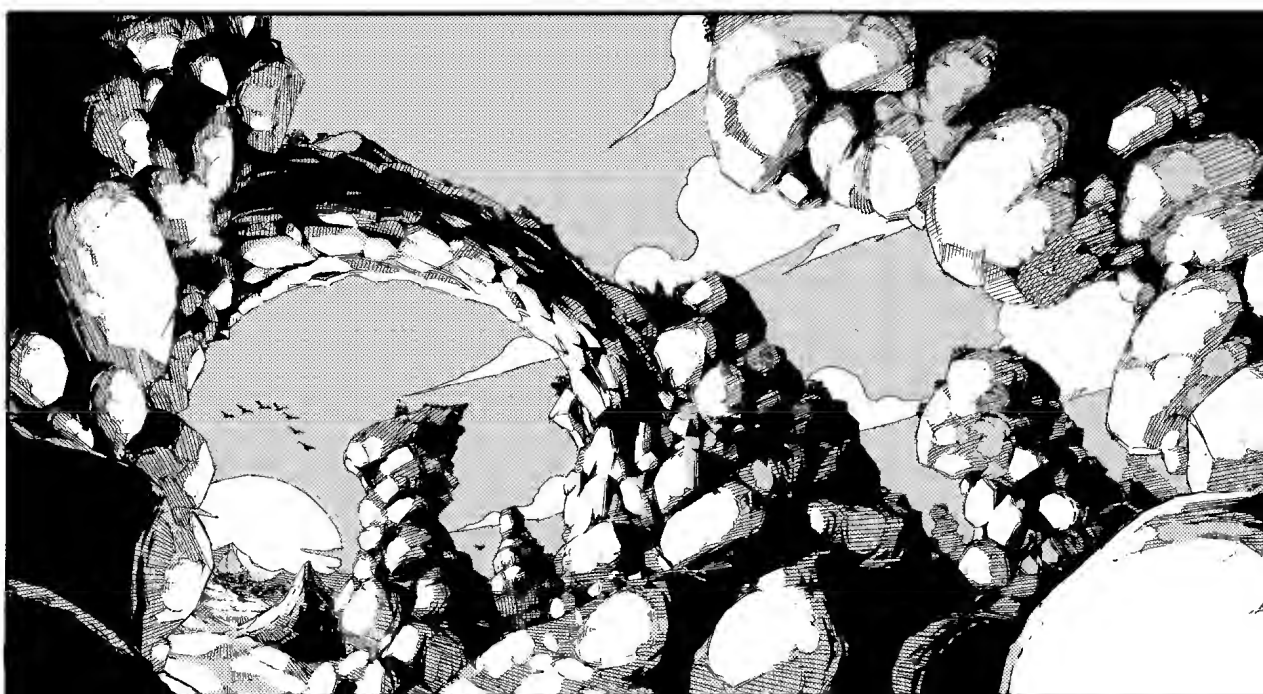


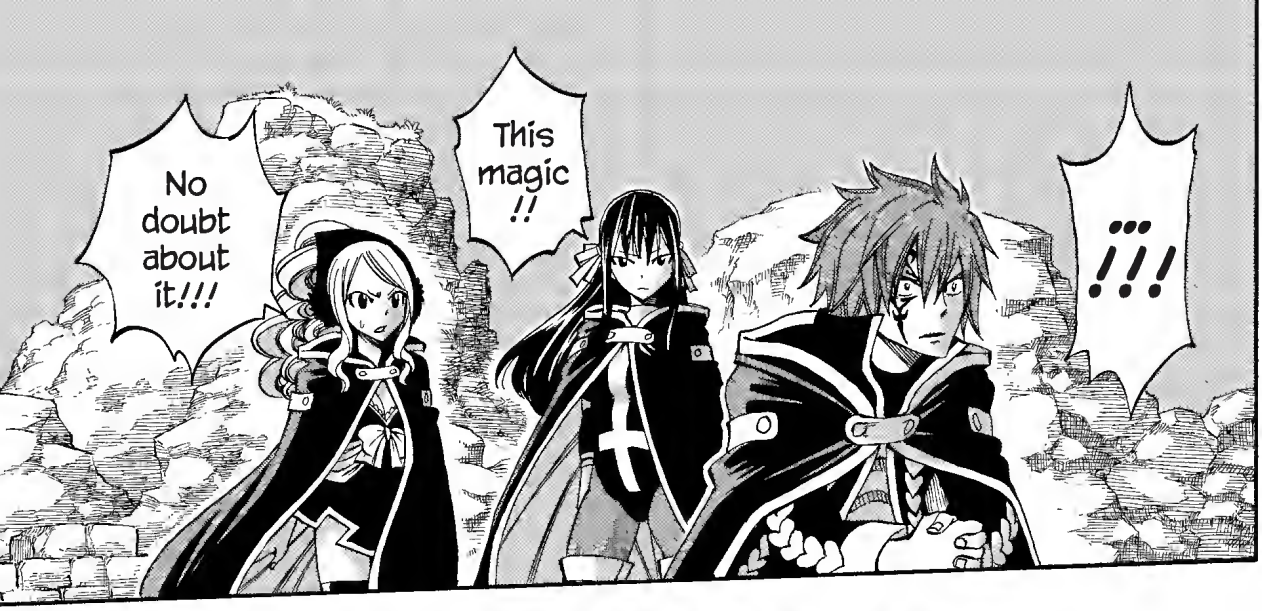
*Shadow Dragon's Slicing Attack

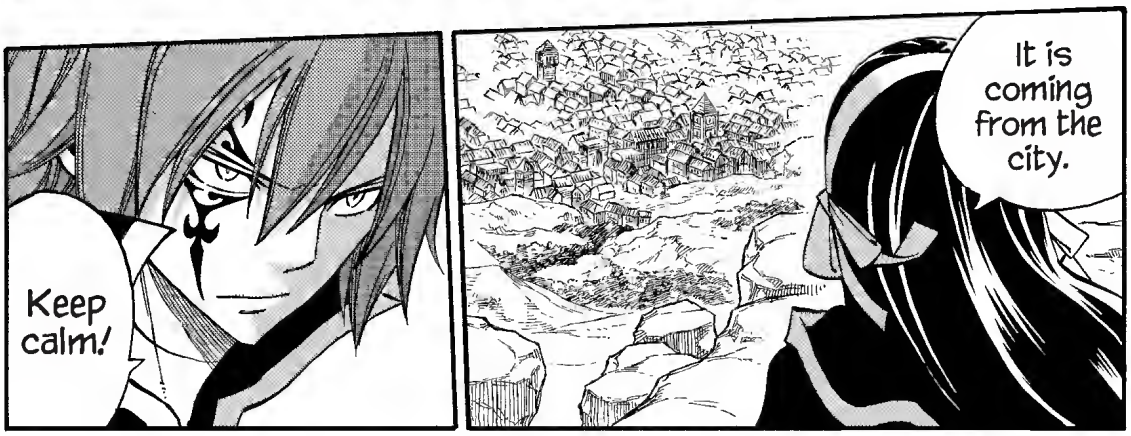
BWOOSH
It seems something has possessed him.
What is that?
Ngah!!
UNGH !!
THWAK
GRANCH
Something... very, very evil...
A magic that I do not know about?!

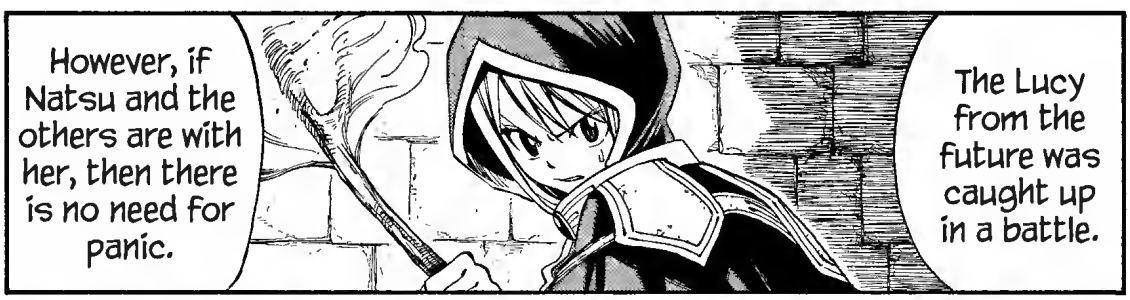
You creep ...
As I thought. You do not hold a candle to Natsu Dragneel.
Urg ...
WOBBLE
ヨロ...
Urhn ...

However, even Natsu Dragneel is not a match for me as I am now.




No doubt about it!!!
This magic !!
...!!!


Keep calm!
It is coming from the city.


However, if Natsu and the others are with her, then there is no need for panic.
The Lucy from the future was caught up in a battle.

KABAM
KRAKK
GRANCH
KANNG
WHAM

KRA
KAM
Gah!
Hyah!
VWOOH
Get back, Lucy!
I'm all right!
!!HOOOOOO
They're just kids... Why're they so strong?
Call in the anti-magic squad!! We can't let them get any farther!!
UMPH!!
UWAH!
GYAAH!
BAM
BAM
BAM
BAM
VWOOOM
HYAHH!!

KEEEEEN
GUH !!
WHAM
That was a surprise.
WHOA!
The Kingdom has magic-using forces too?!
Natsu !!
You want to take on a *pro*...
...with *that* kind of magic?

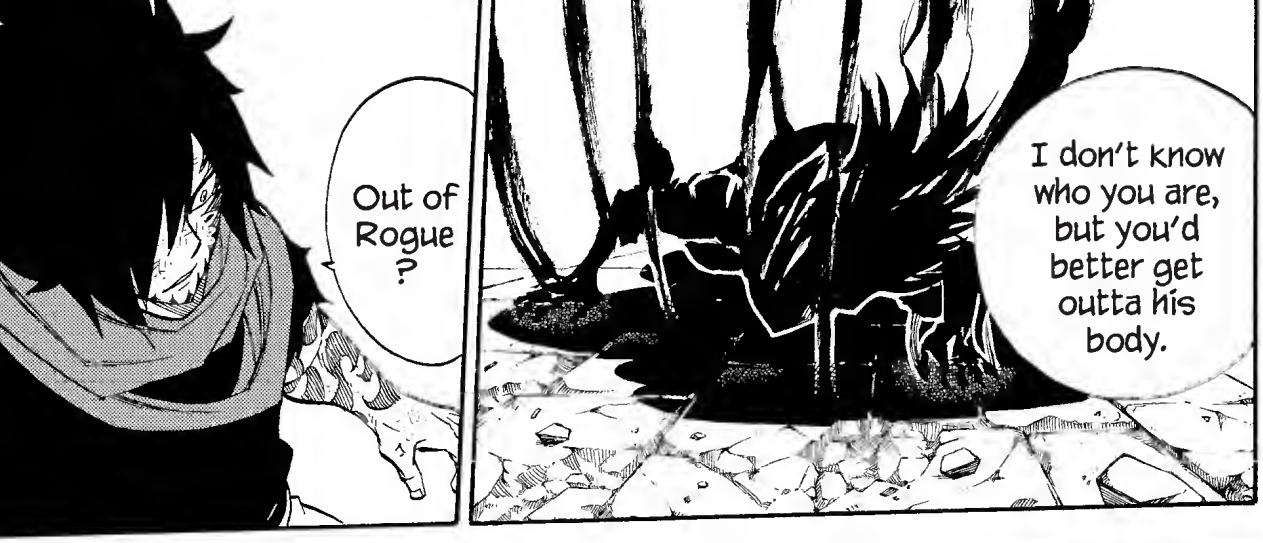
This is the great Gajeel? Nothing but a trifle.
Heh heh heh!

Stop it!!! You'll kill him!!

AGH!
GASP ...
KRAK
KRAK
RAKK
KAHH ...

And make him give us Rogue back!
Fro has to go to him!
WHUD
Then, you will vanish for all eternity!
The shadow will eat away at you!
If Salamander can do it, then so can I!
GEE HEE!
Now, sleep ...
?!
...in the depths of darkness!

SHUUM
GEEHEEHEE
?!
GULP
What are you...
SHHHHH...
GULP
He...
...ate the shadow ?!
Impos-sible ...
むくっ
GWUP
GEE HEE HEE!


Out of Rogue?
I don't know who you are, but you'd better get outta his body.

He was *my* apprentice, and his name is *Lios!*
Besides, his name ain't *Rogue!*

Is this...?
You were just *scared* of me!
There was nothin' to look up to in me back then. I know that better than anyone!
And you didn't look up to me!

...an Iron-Shadow Dragon?!!!
...that fear once again!
And I'm gonna make you remember...
RUM
MM
BLEE

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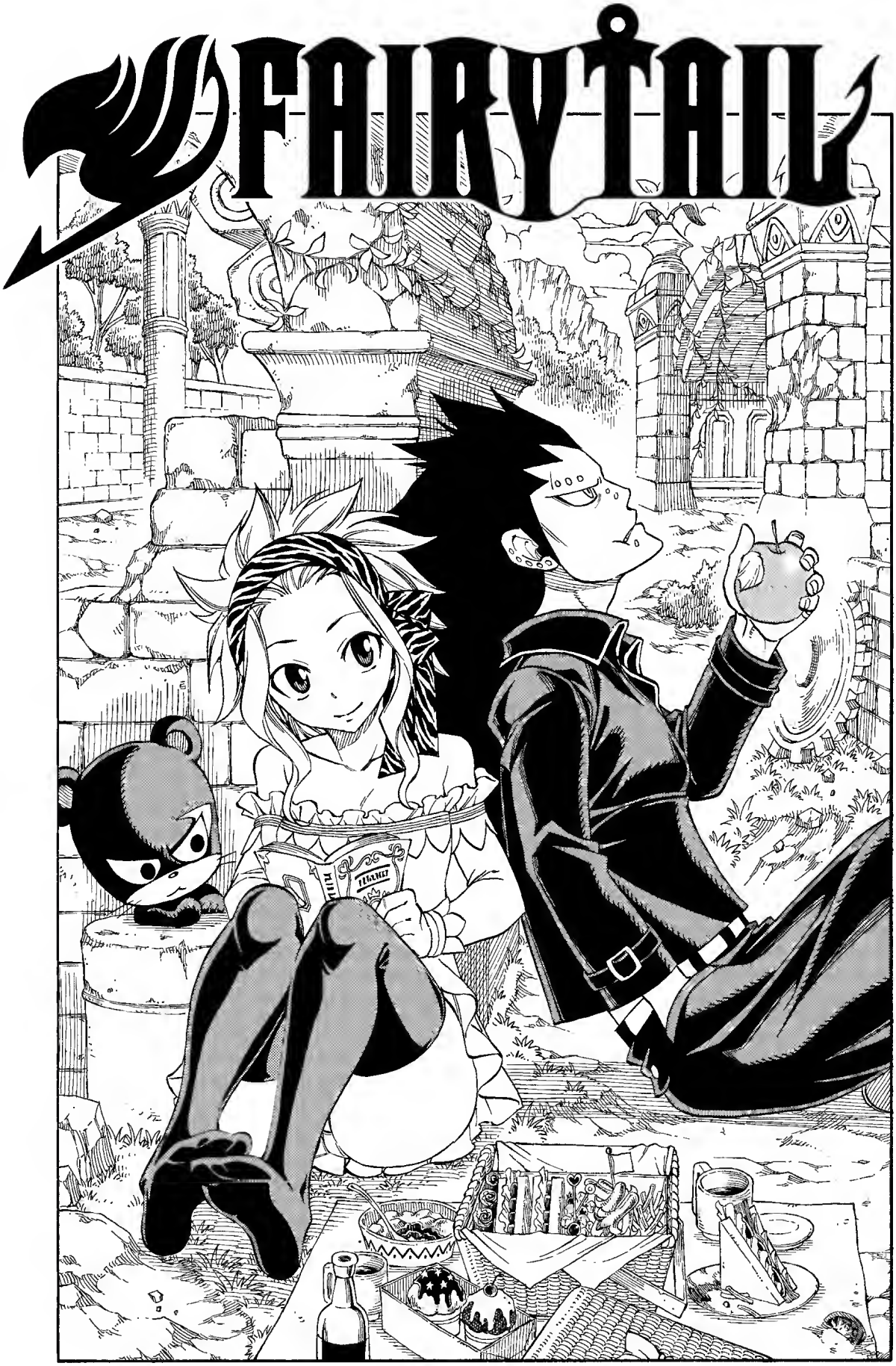
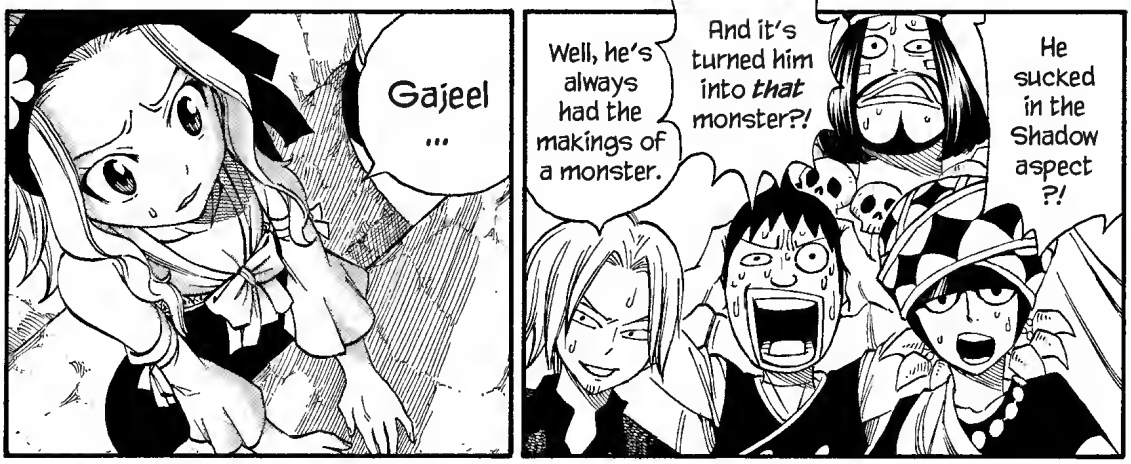
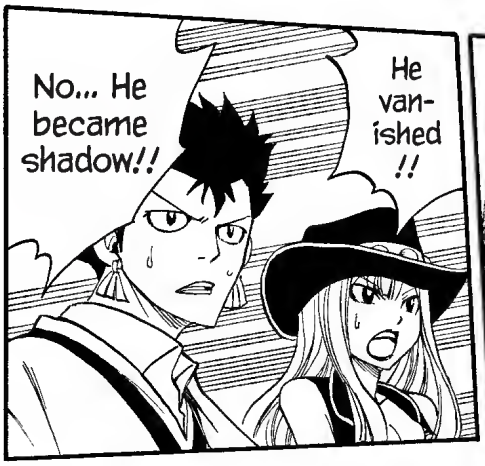


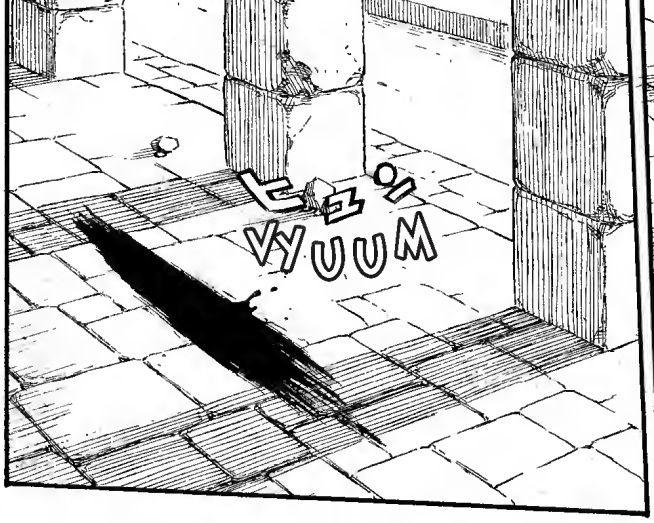
Chapter 319: White Knight

You're using...
...two aspects?

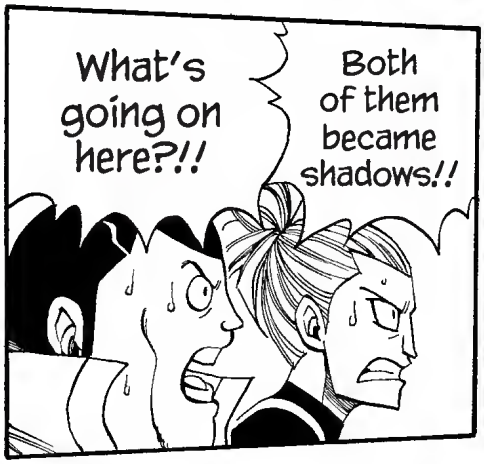

He sucked in the Shadow aspect?!
And it's turned him into *that* monster?!
Well, he's always had the makings of a monster.
Gajeel...

*Iron-Shadow Dragon!




VYUUM

TIP


What's going on here?!!
Both of them became shadows!!

VWOOH

VUUM
VUUM
VUUM
VUUM
VUUM
VUUM
VUUM

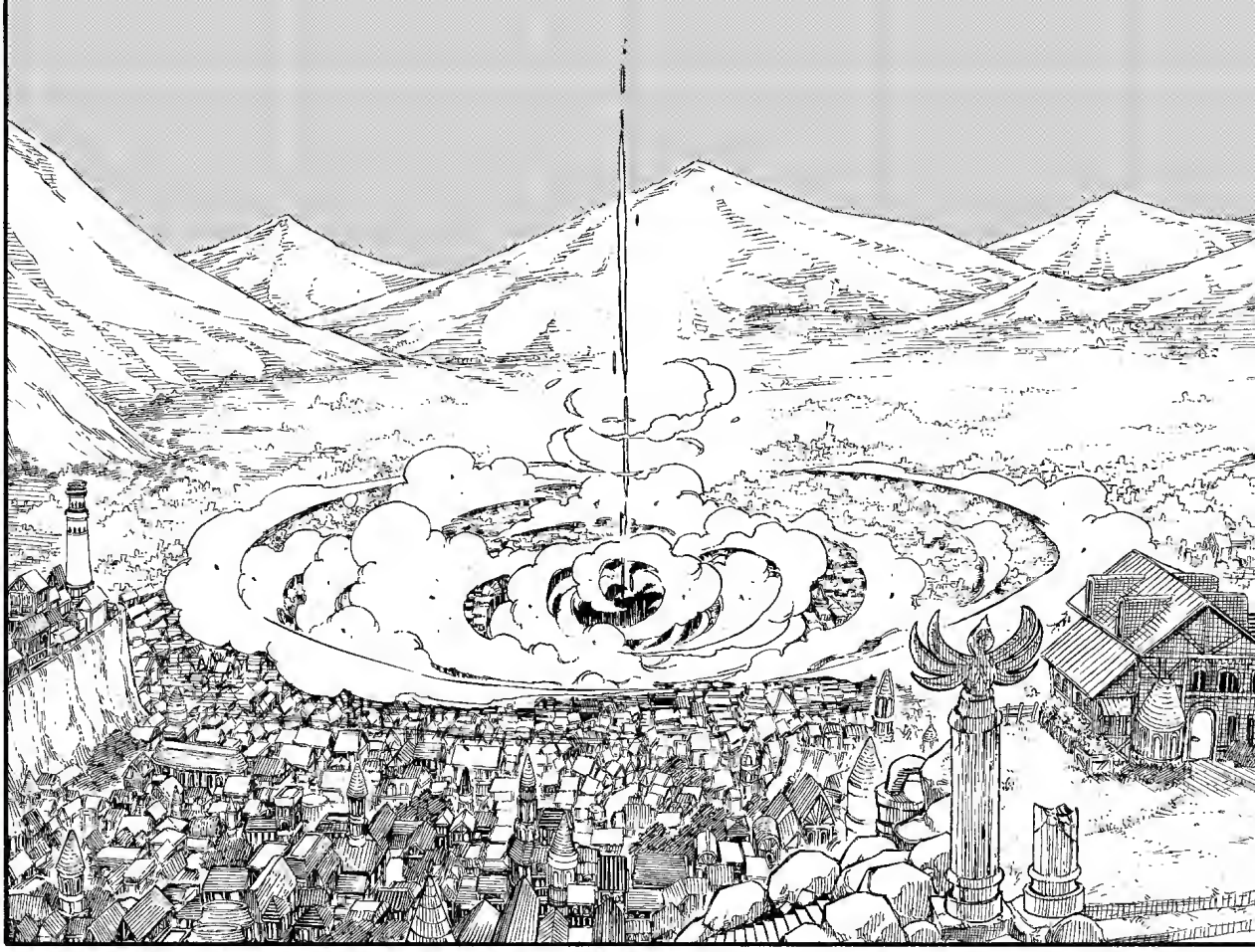
He's pulling me out of the shadows...
What?!
GRIMP
WHOOM

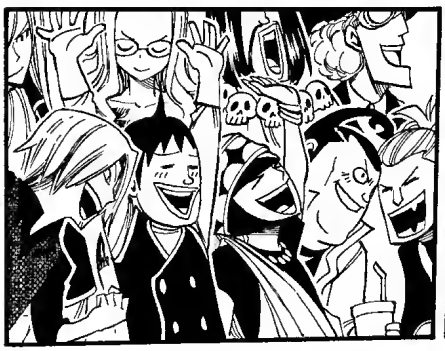
KOOOM
BA
KRAK
KRAK

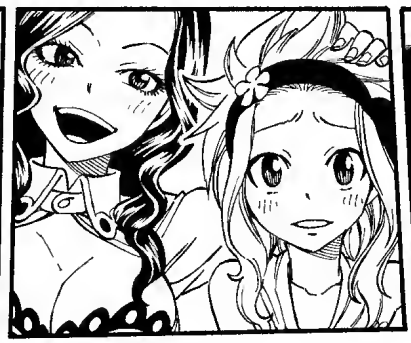
GRIMP
!
GRATCH
WHOOSH

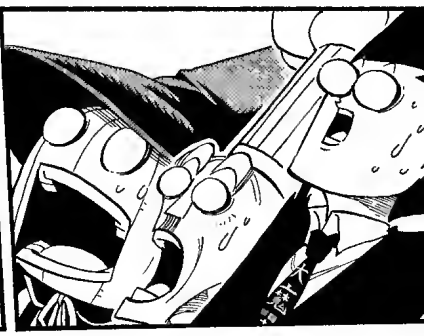
*Iron Shadow Dragon's Roar!

AA
AA
AA
AA
AA
AA
AA
!!
!!
GAWHOOM
ドゥ



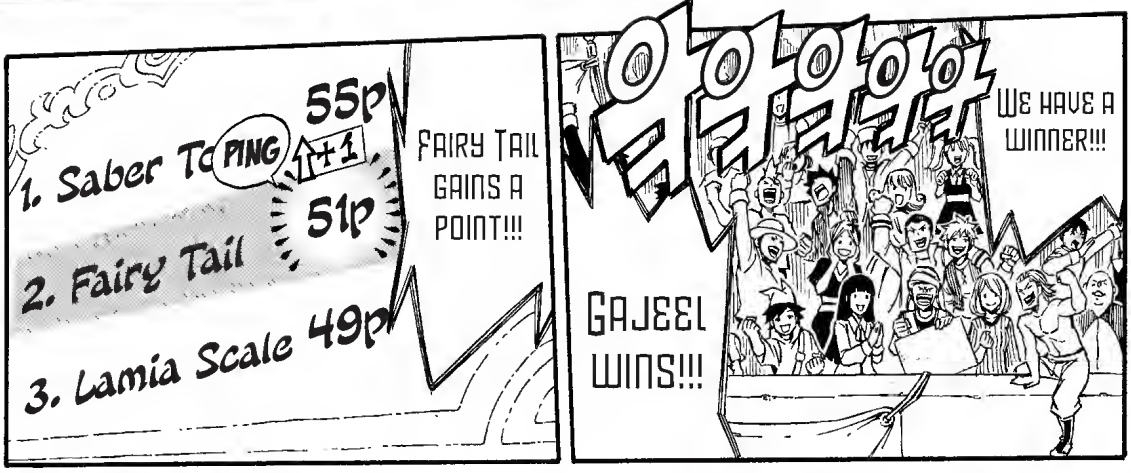


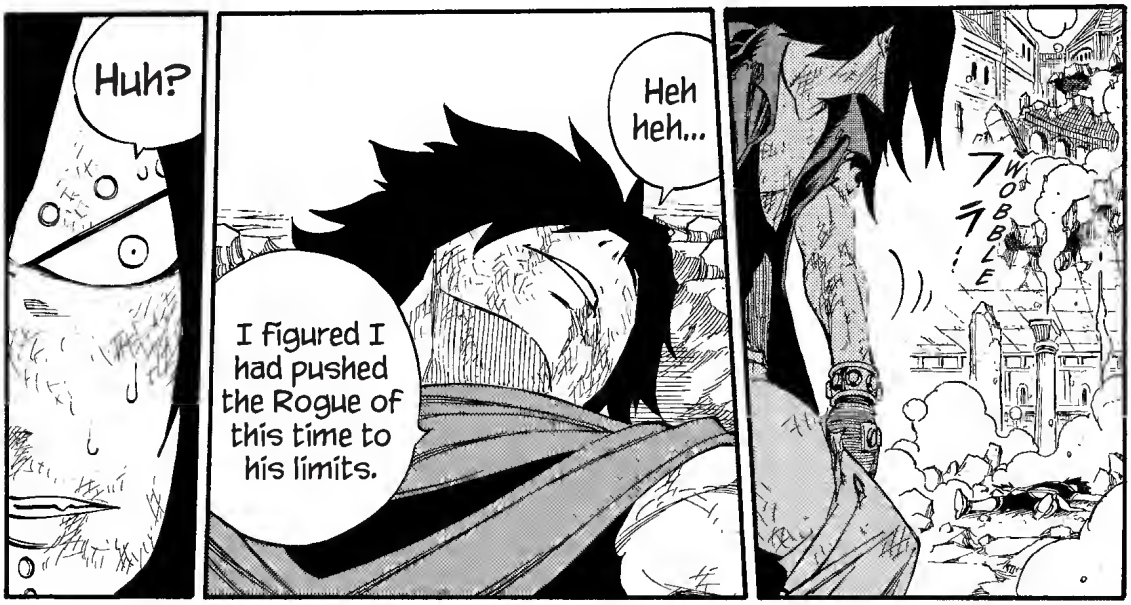




WHUD

THAMM


1. Saber Tc
55p
PING
+1
2. Fairy Tail
51p
3. Lamia Scale 49p
Fairy Tail gains a point!!!
We have a winner!!!
Gajeel wins!!!

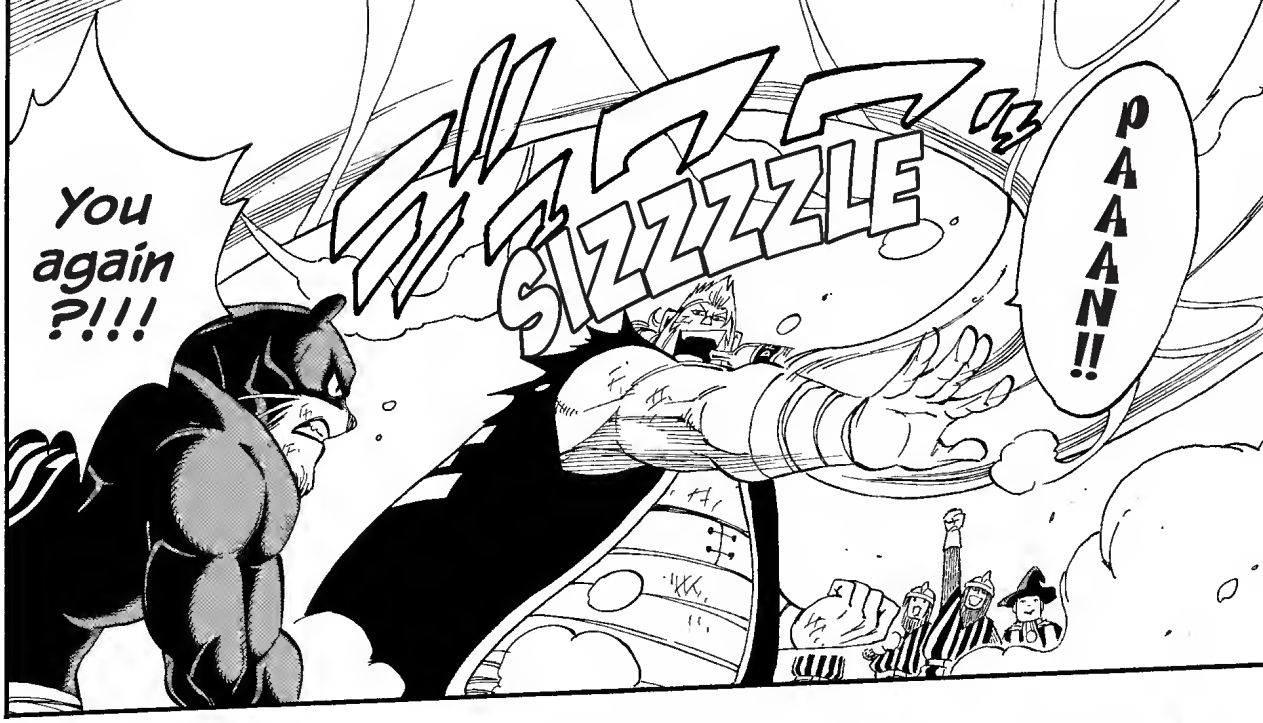

Huh?
I figured I had pushed the Rogue of this time to his limits.
Heh heh...
WOBBLE

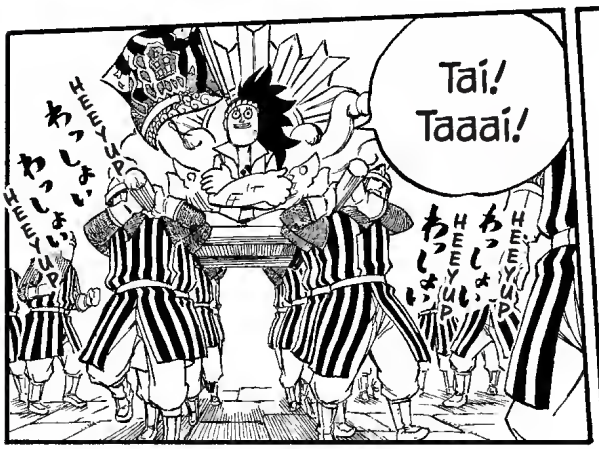
Don't hurt him anymore!!
It vanished.
SSSST...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
So stop it!!
Rogue could die!
Rogue!! Rogue!!
Fro... sch...
The match is over. I ain't gonna do nothin'.
THUNK
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

Did I... lose...?
Ung!
Huh? It hurts all over...
Ow...
Waah!
You're ...
Why... are you here...?
Rogue !!!
That shadow...
He doesn't remember anything?
An evil shadow. A magic I... know nothing about...
What was it...?

KARYÛ NO*...
*Fire Dragon's Wing Attack!
WHOOSH
...YOKUGEKI* !!!!
SHEEN
REGULUS IMPACT !!!!

*Sky Dragon's Roar!

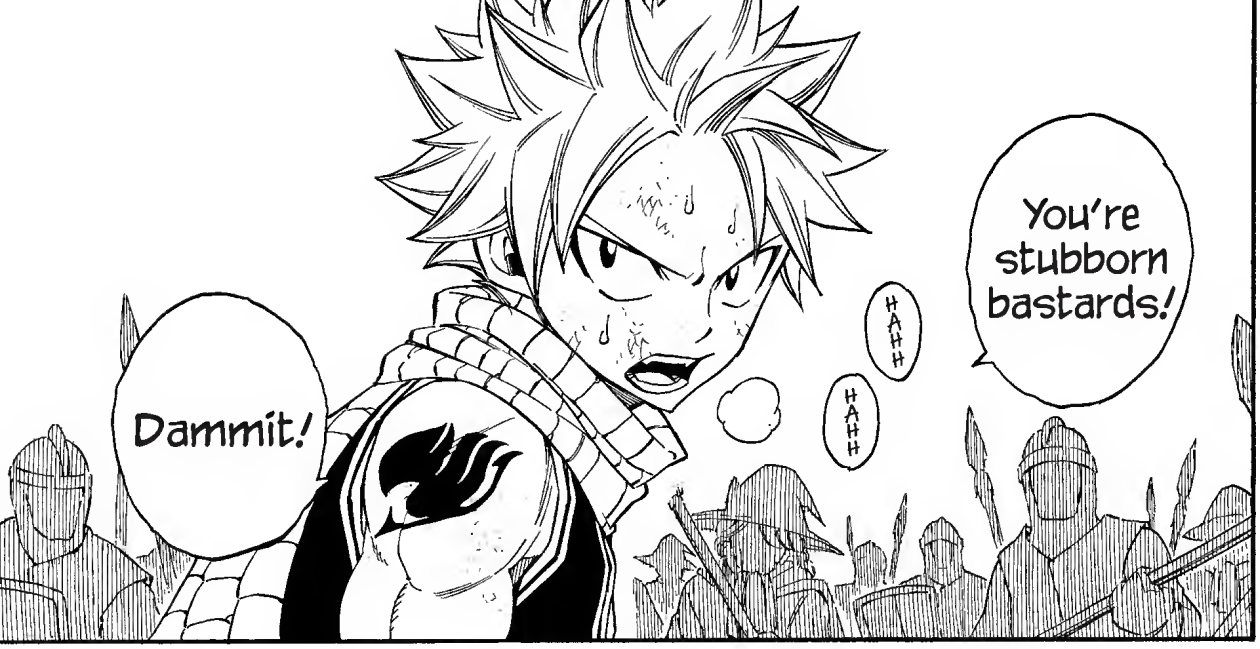

You again ?!!!
SIZZZZZLE
PAAAN!!


Tai! Taaai!
HEEYUP
わっしょい
わっしょい
HEEYUP
わっしょい
HEEYUP

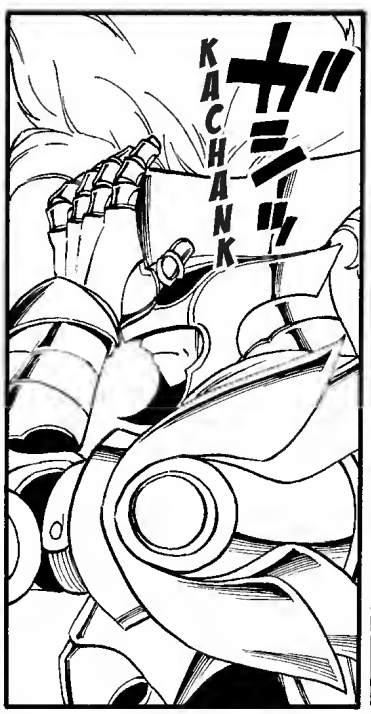
Right, Kamika!
I'd appreciate it if you didn't underestimate the Kingdom's greatest executioners.
That bothersome woman isn't here! ♡

We never allow the guilty to leave this palace alive!
Now I'm going to impart my doctrine unto you!

I fully understand *your* doctrine.


Dammit!
HAHH
HAHH
You're stubborn bastards!

KREEK...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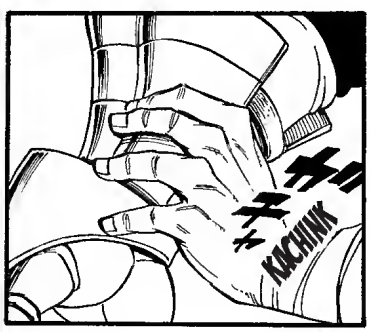
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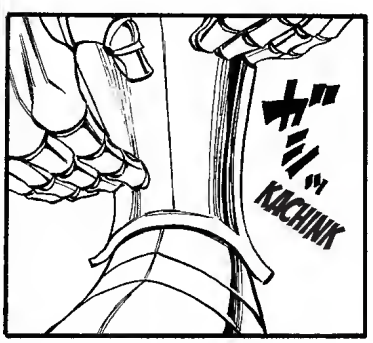
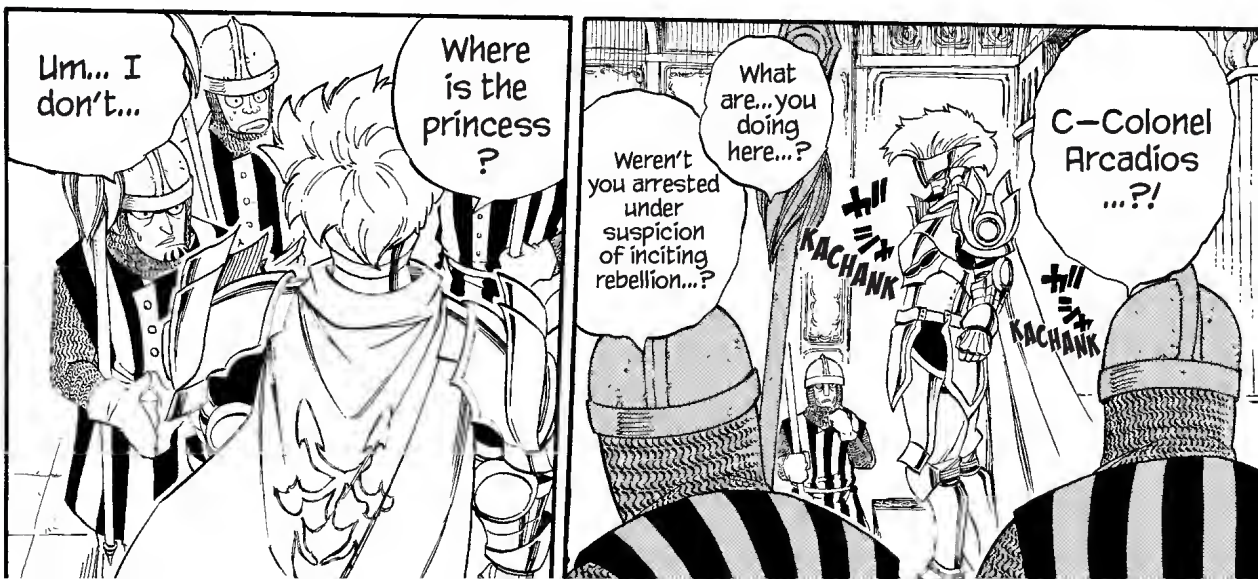
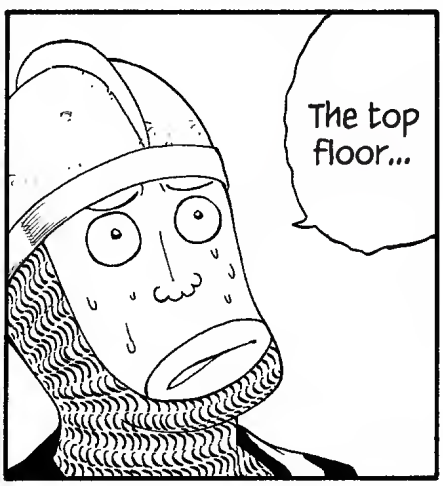

KACHINK

SHOOM

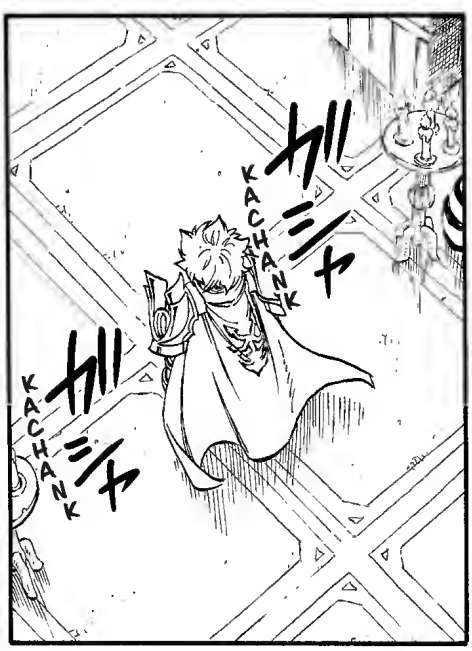

Um... I don't...
Where is the princess?
Weren't you arrested under suspicion of inciting rebellion...?
What are...you doing here...?
KACHANK
C-Colonel Arcadios ...?!
KACHANK

Where is she ?!

...
...
KACHANK
KACHANK


The top floor...

There is something I must know!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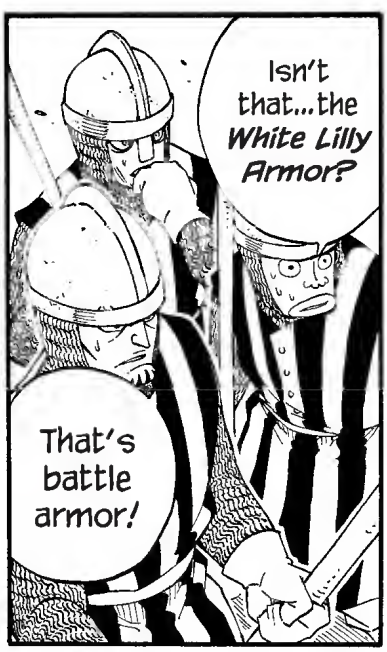
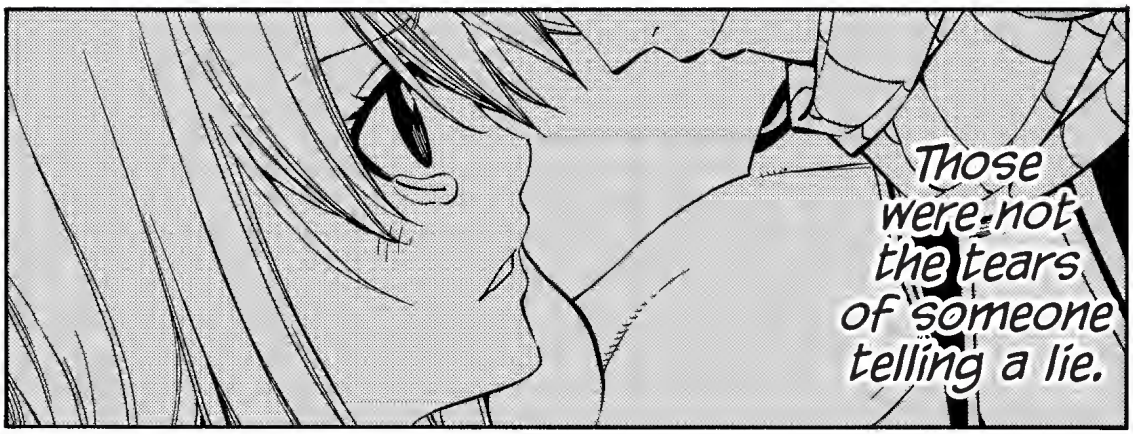
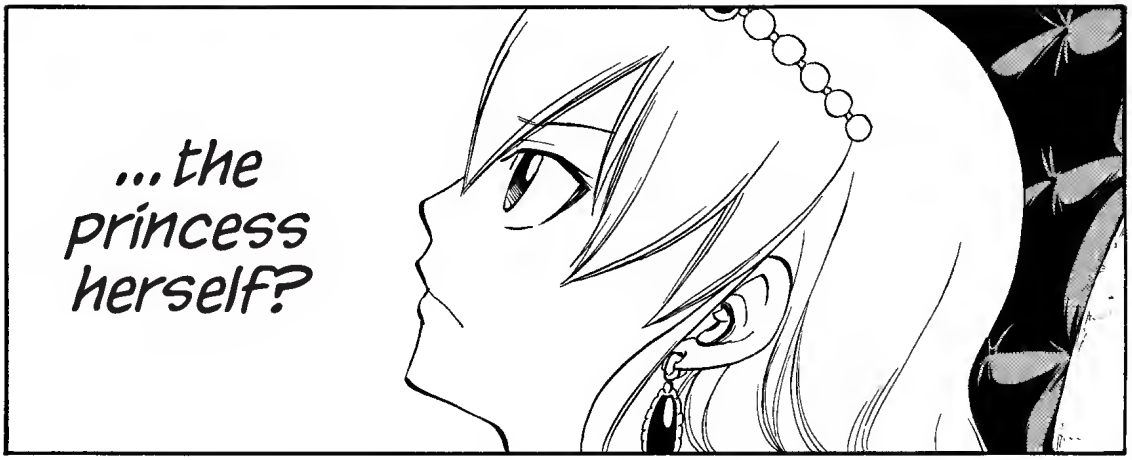

Isn't that...the White Lilly Armor?
That's battle armor!


Those were not the tears of someone telling a lie.

So is the liar...


...the princess herself?

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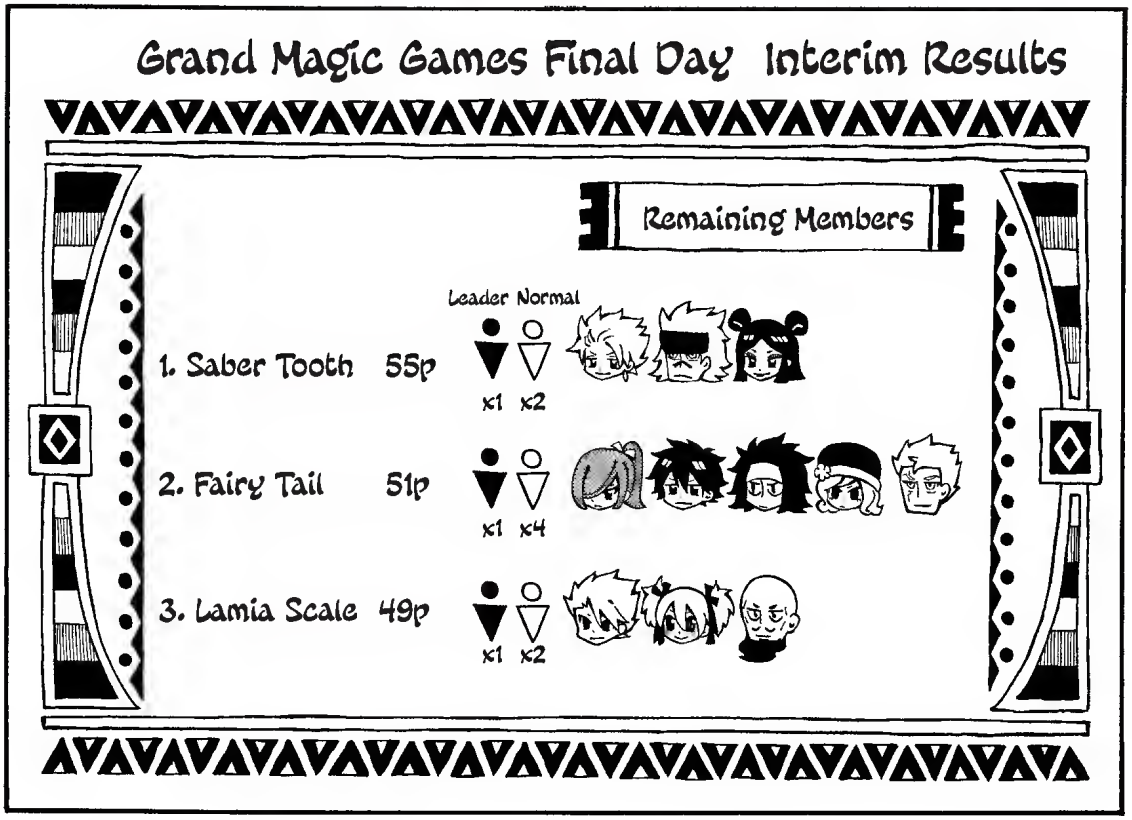

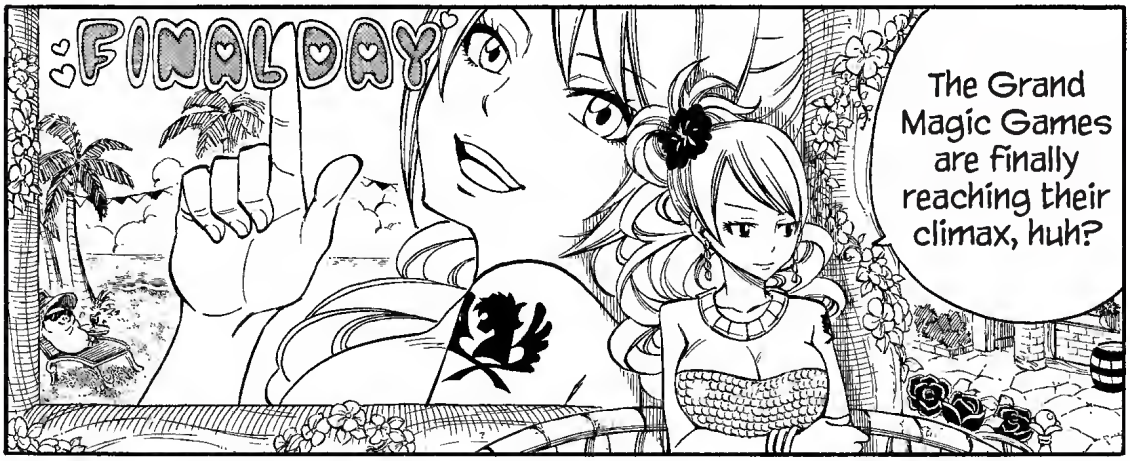

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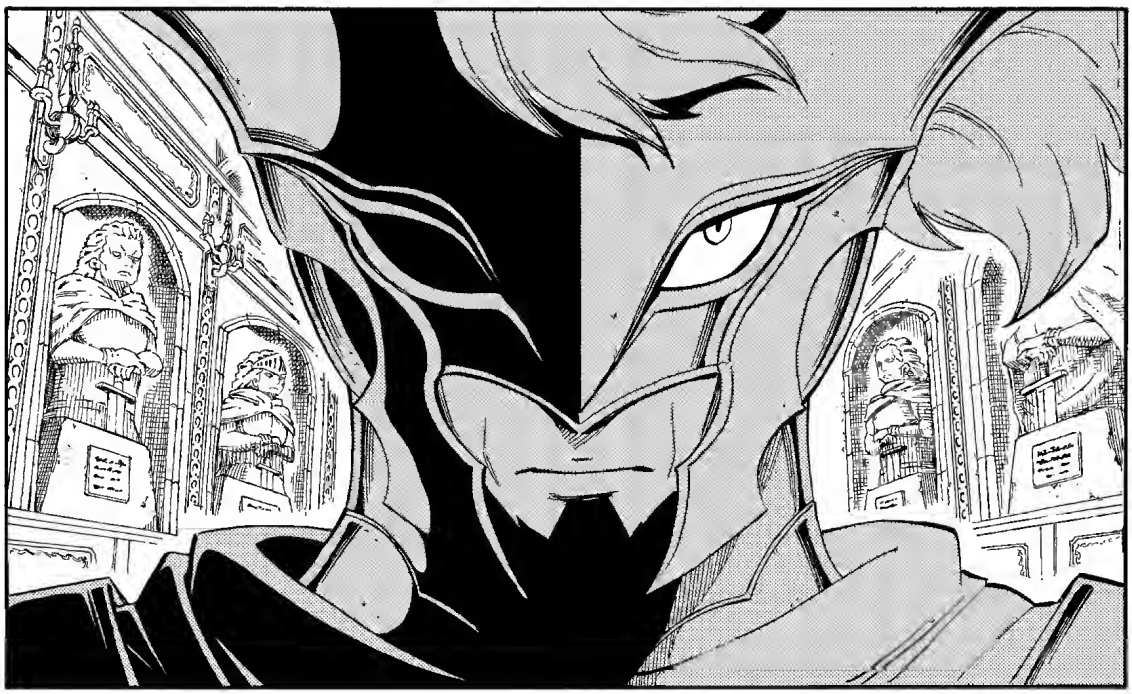

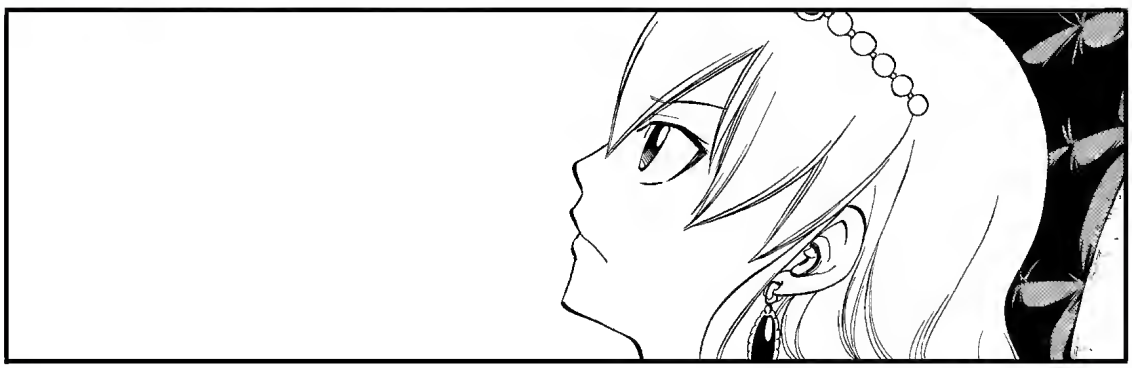

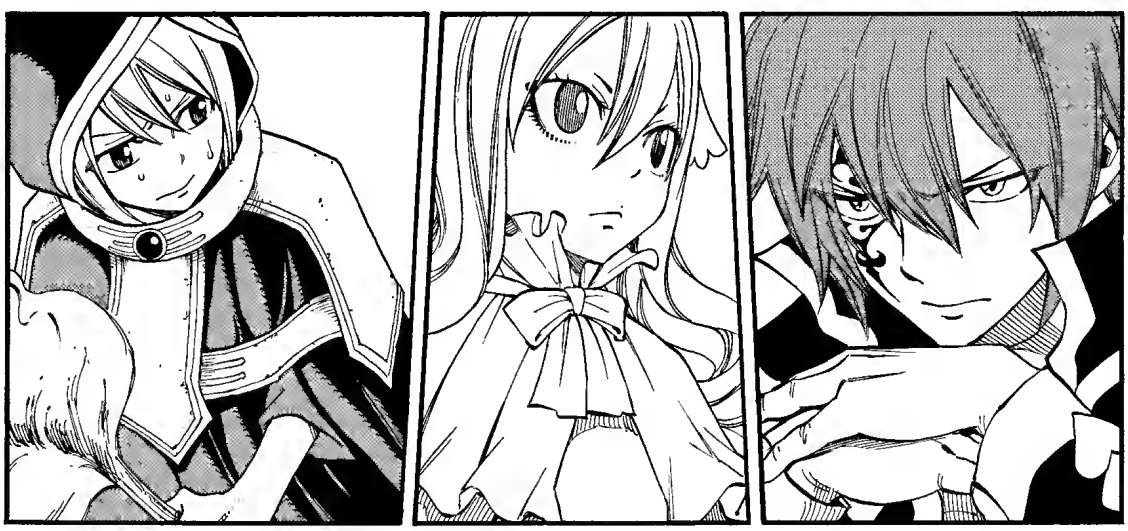

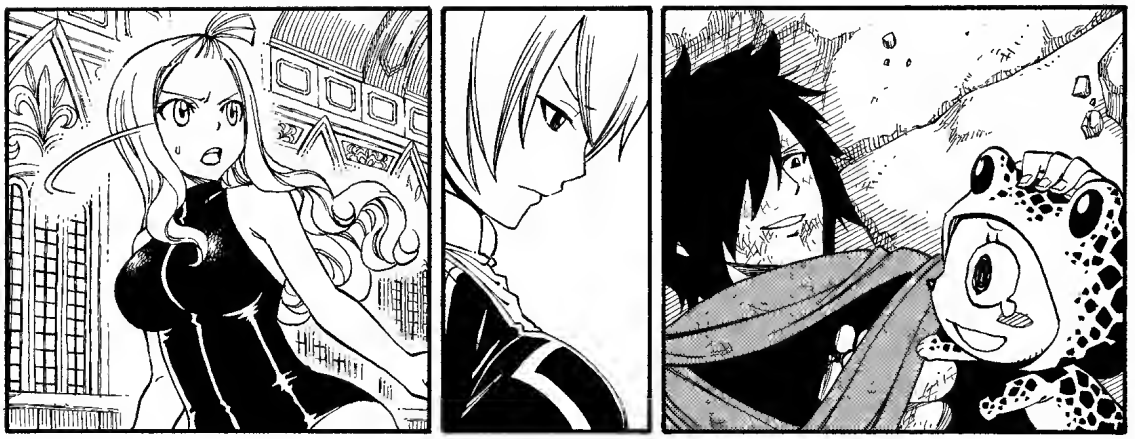

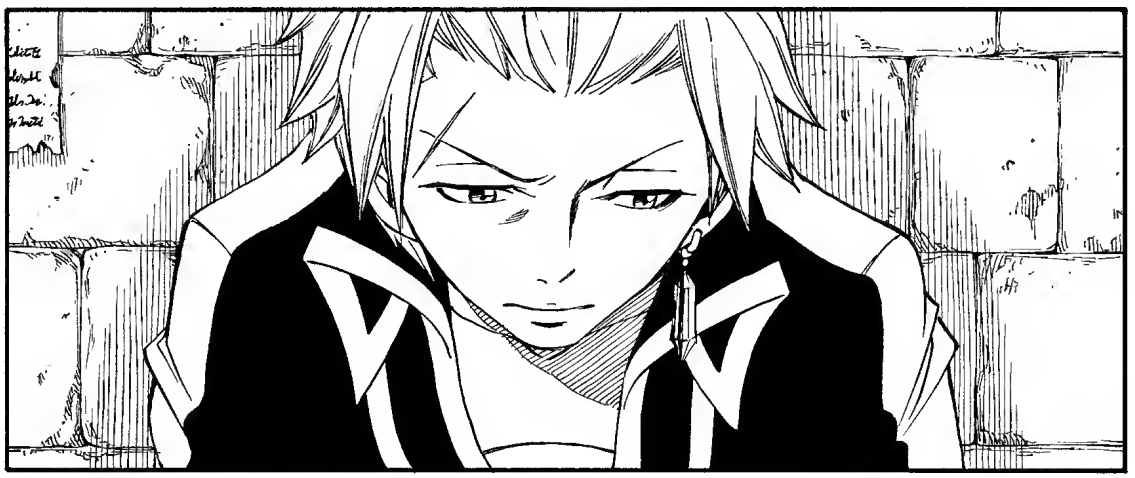

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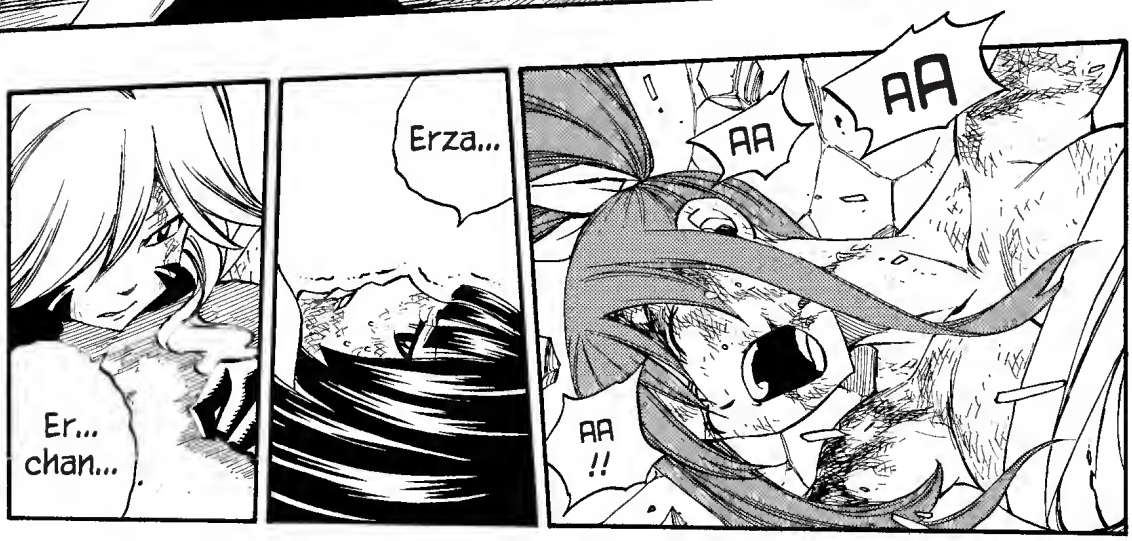
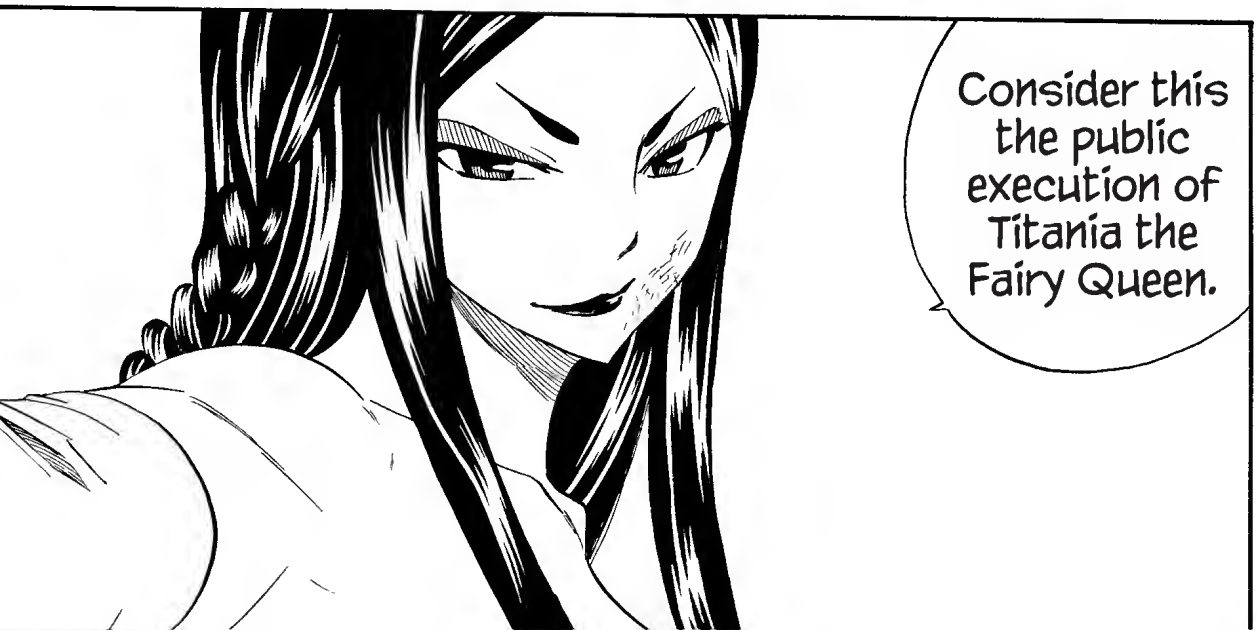
KRAKOOM
AAAAAA!!!


Er... chan...
Erza...
AA
AA
AA !!


Consider this the public execution of Titania the Fairy Queen.

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
VAM
VAM
VAM
VAM
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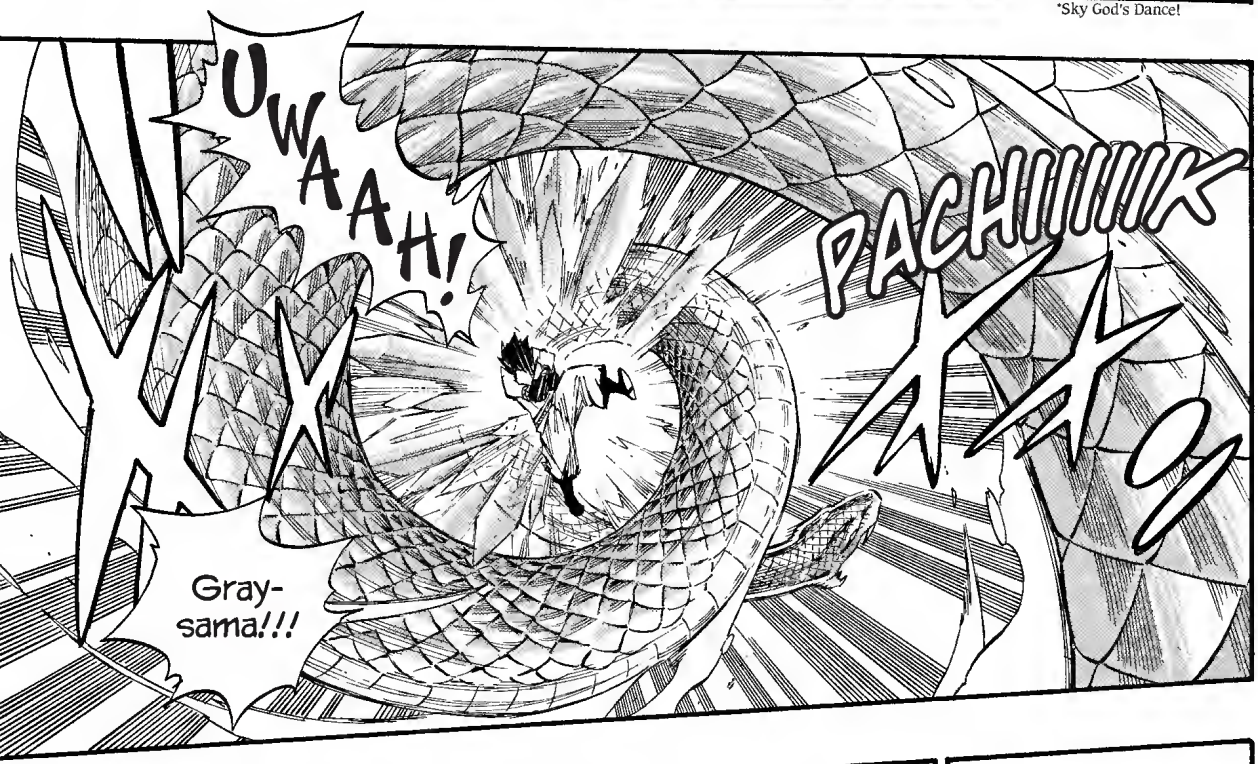
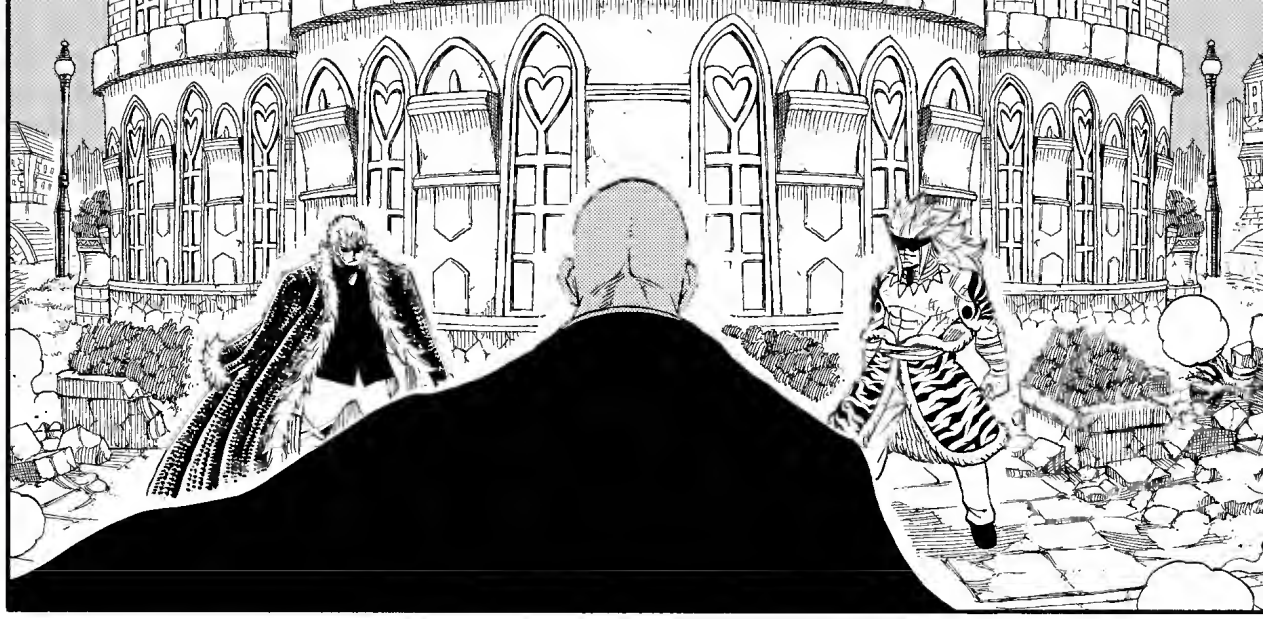
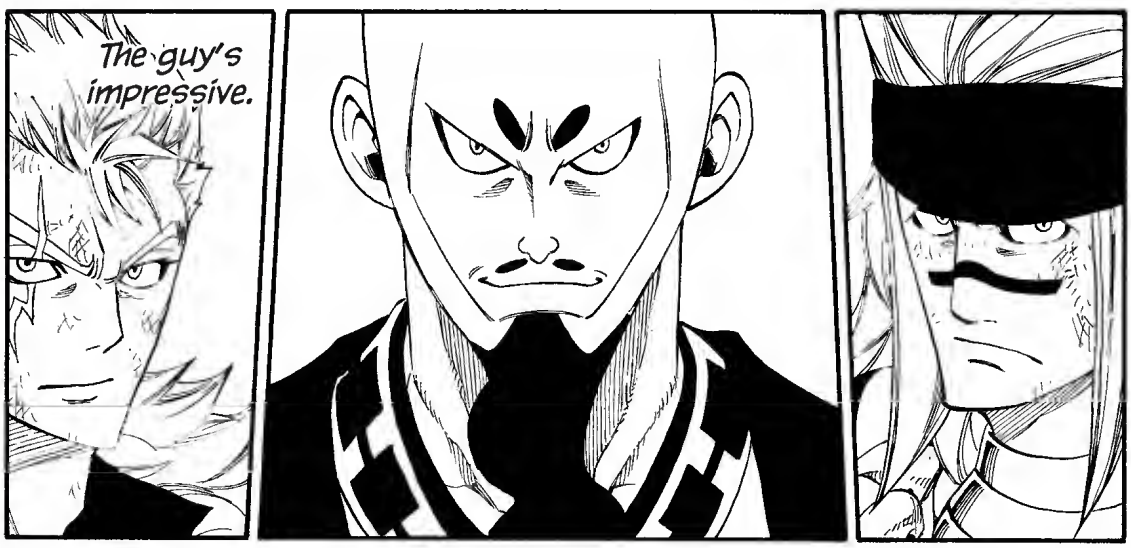
ZWOOSH
Yes!!
Juvia!!
GWOOSH
PACHIKK
SHOTGUN
!!!!

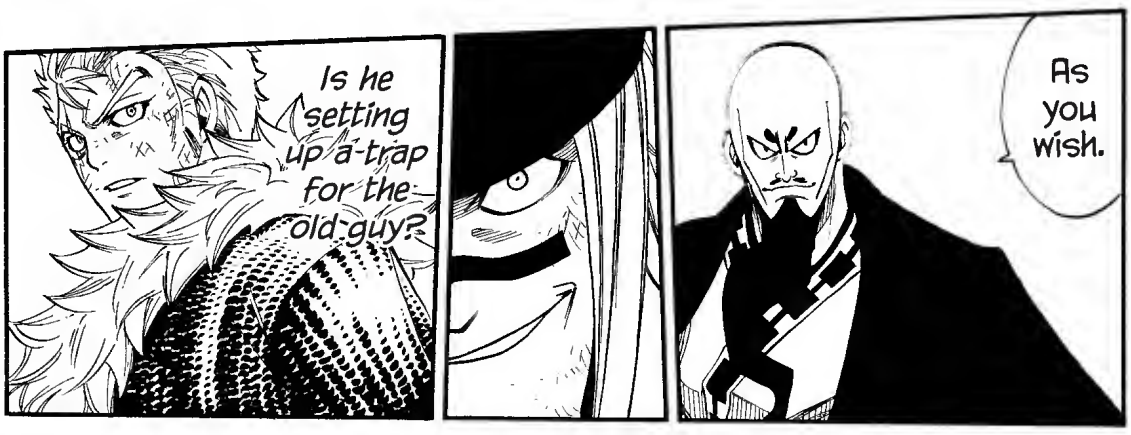
*Sky God's Dance!





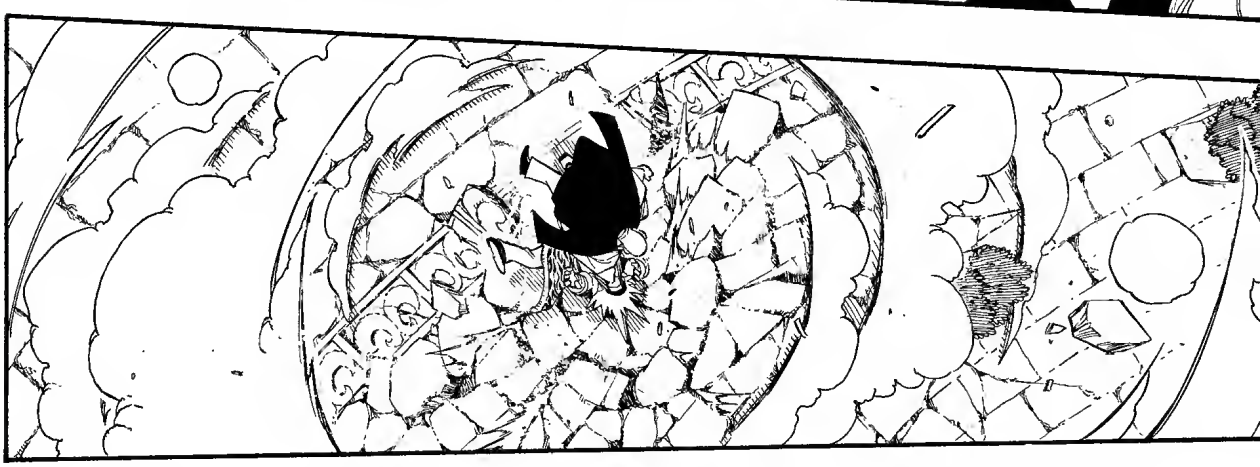

The guy's impressive.

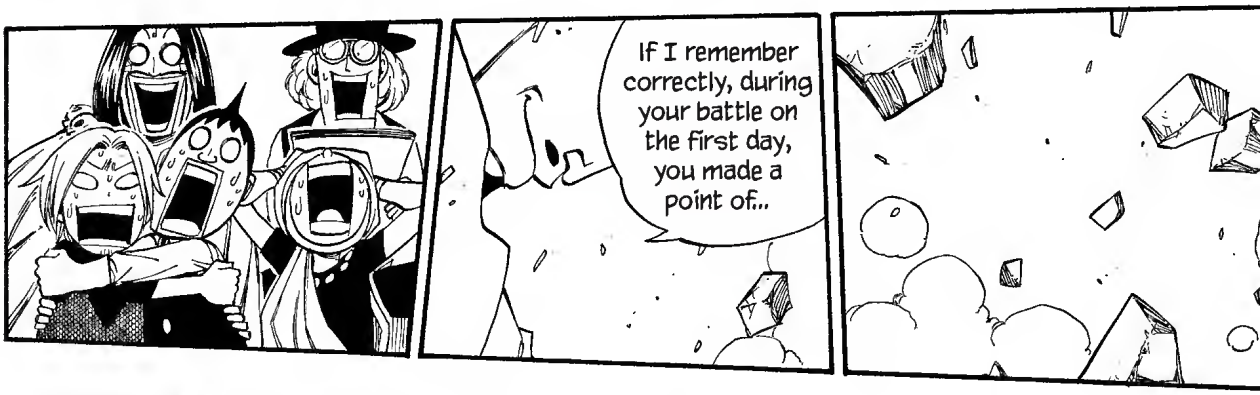
You got the guts to take this?
KRAKKL
KRAKKL
Hey, Jura-san. I really want to see you get serious.
Hm.

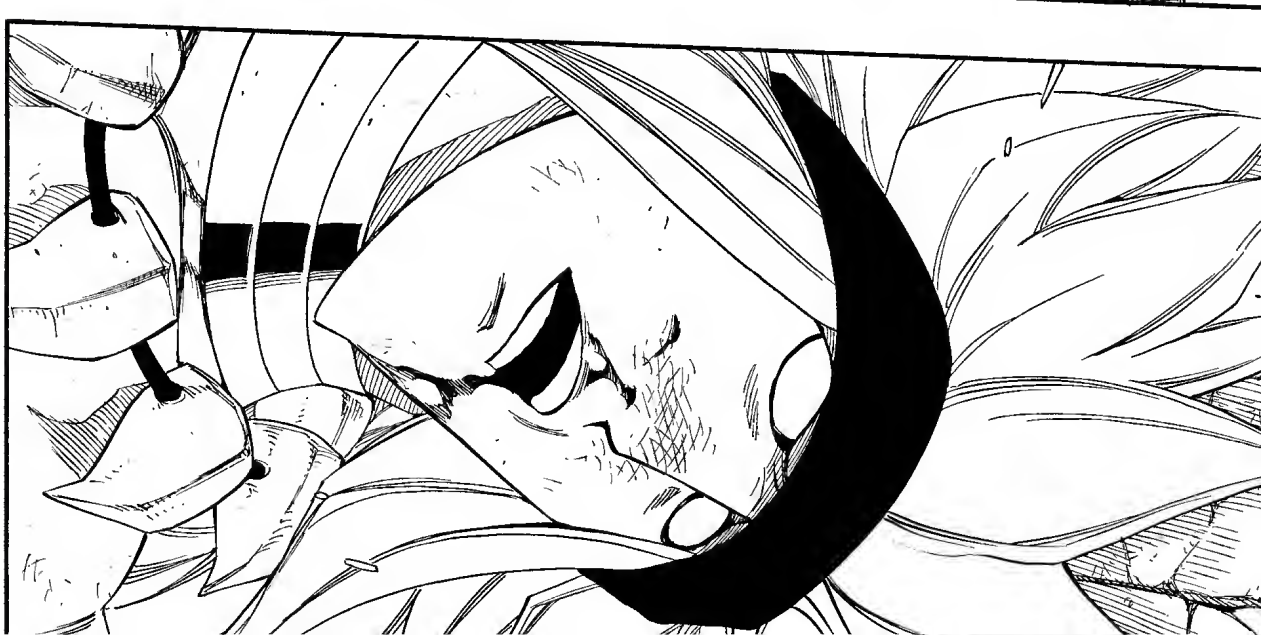


*Thunder God's Charged Particle Cannon!

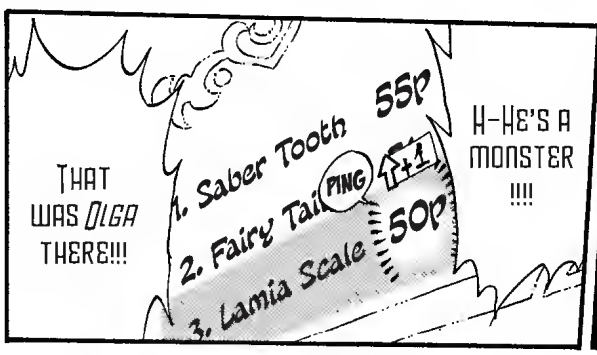
KBOOOOM




If I remember correctly, during your battle on the first day, you made a point of...

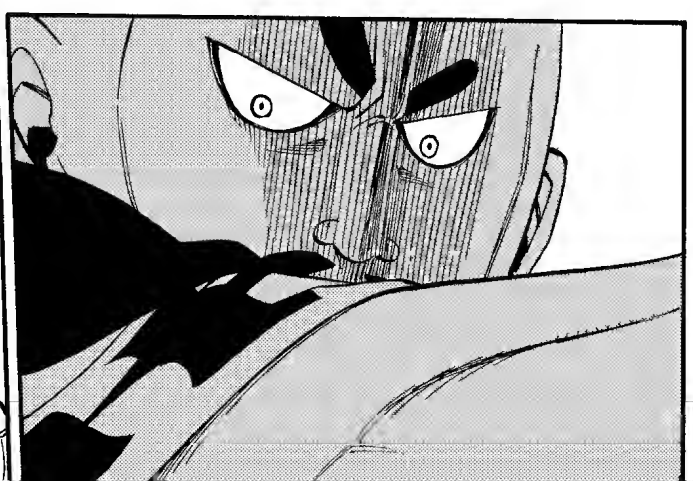


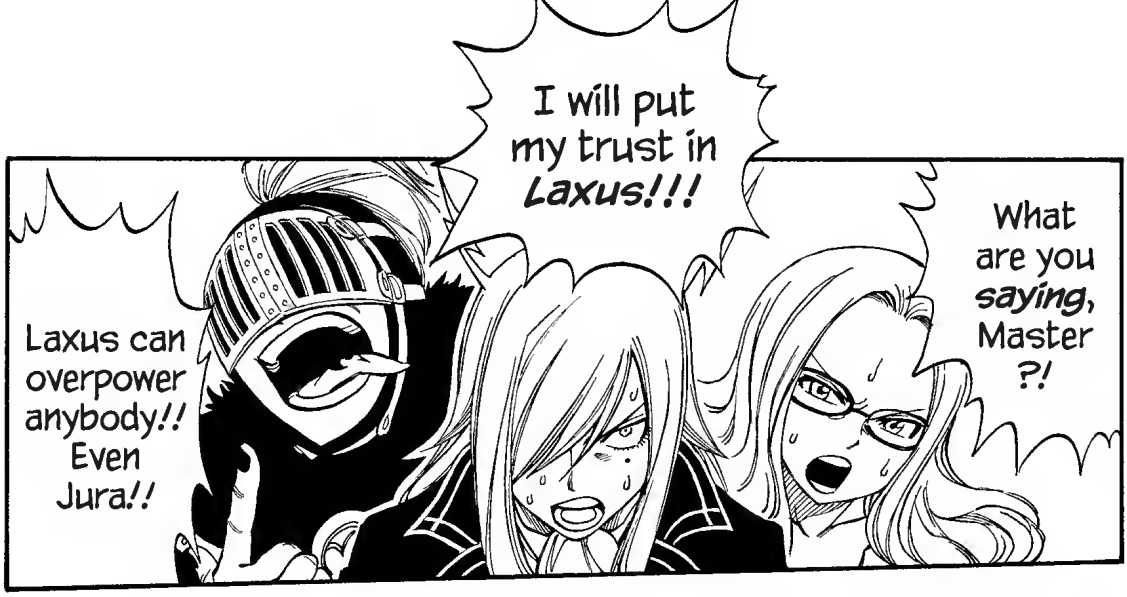
...finishing the battle in one attack.

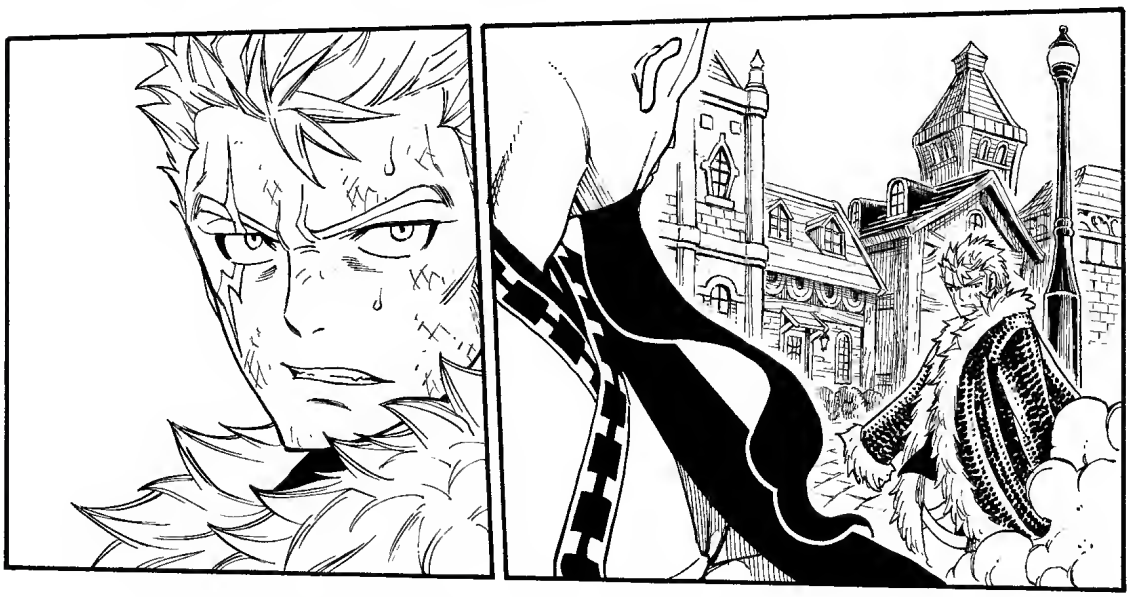

THAT WAS OLGA THERE!!!
1. Saber Tooth 55P
2. Fairy Tail PING +1
3. Lamia Scale 50P
H-HE'S A MONSTER !!!!

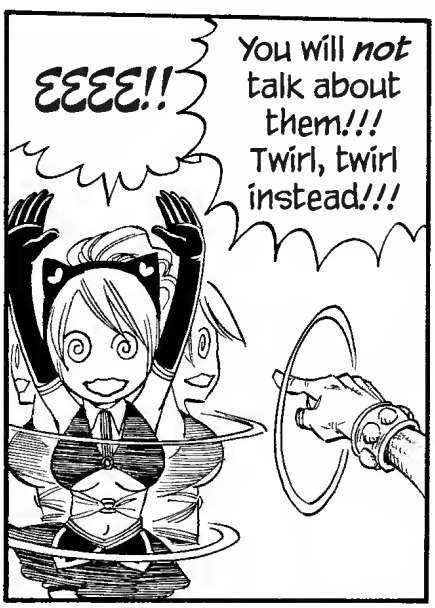
와와와와와

We may not have a chance!



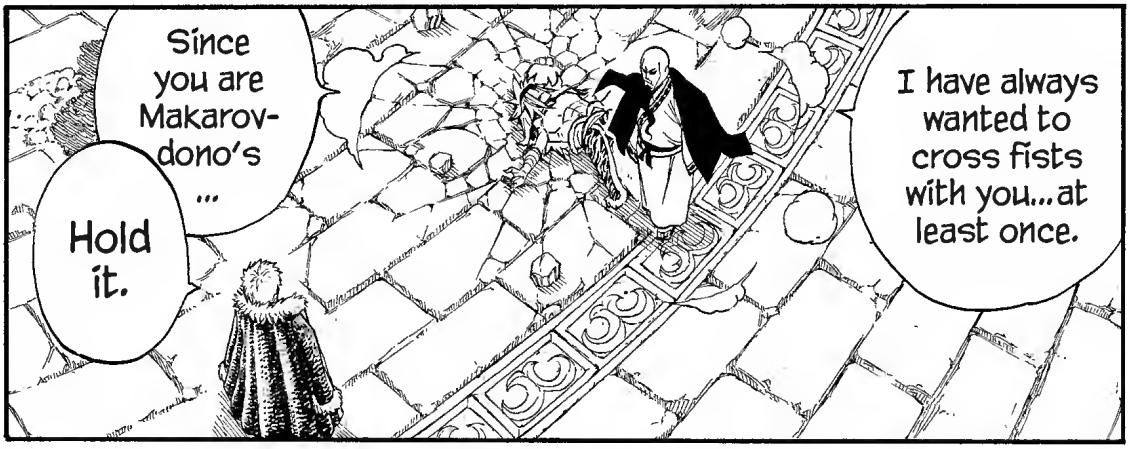

I will put my trust in *Laxus!!!*
What are you *saying*, Master ?!
Laxus can overpower anybody!! Even Jura!!

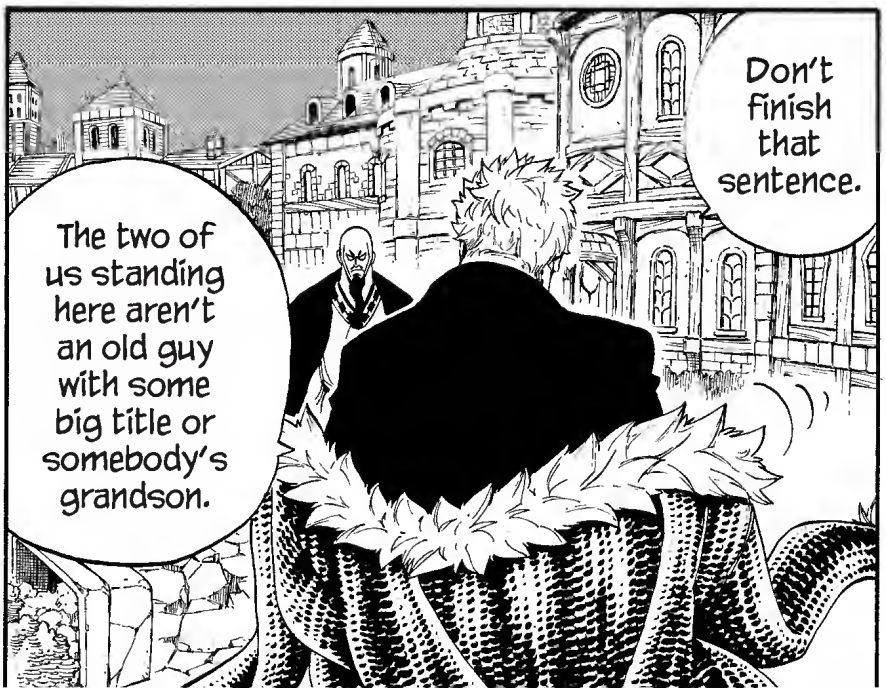



EEEE!!
You will *not* talk about them!!! Twirl, twirl instead!!!

Though there's no way he'll ever catch up to the four above that.
During the seven years you were gone, Jura became the fifth most powerful wizard saint there is!
Give it up, Makarov!
TWIRL
TWIRL
TWIRL

The Four Emperors of Ishgal ...
They aren't really even human!
And that makes Jura the greatest human wizard there is!

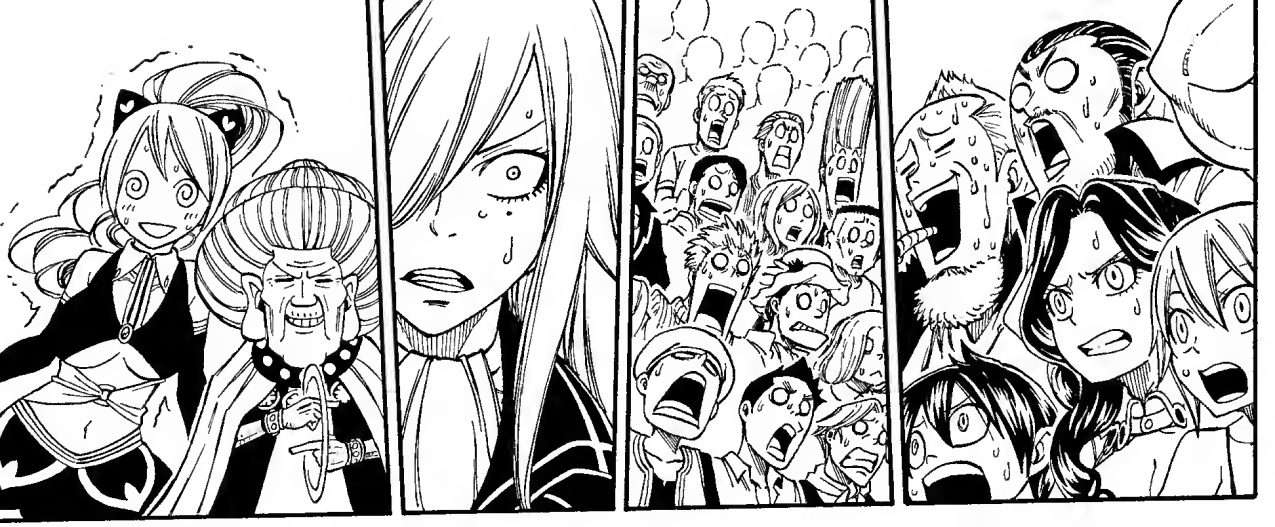

I have always wanted to cross fists with you...at least once.
Since you are Makarov-dono's ...
Hold it.

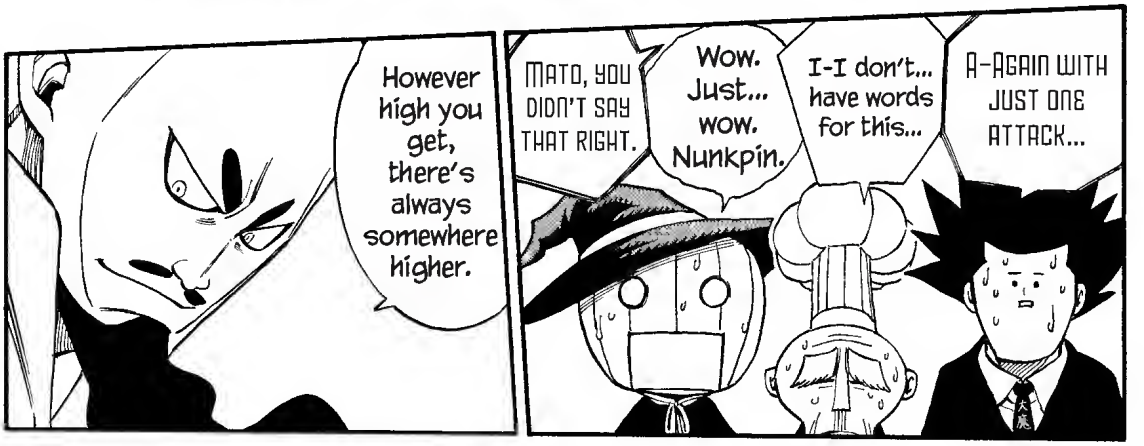

Don't finish that sentence.
The two of us standing here aren't an old guy with some big title or somebody's grandson.

Just two guys facin' off.
I like that look.

HYOOOOOO
ヒュオオ
OOO
ナナ
ZWAPP

AGH!
MM



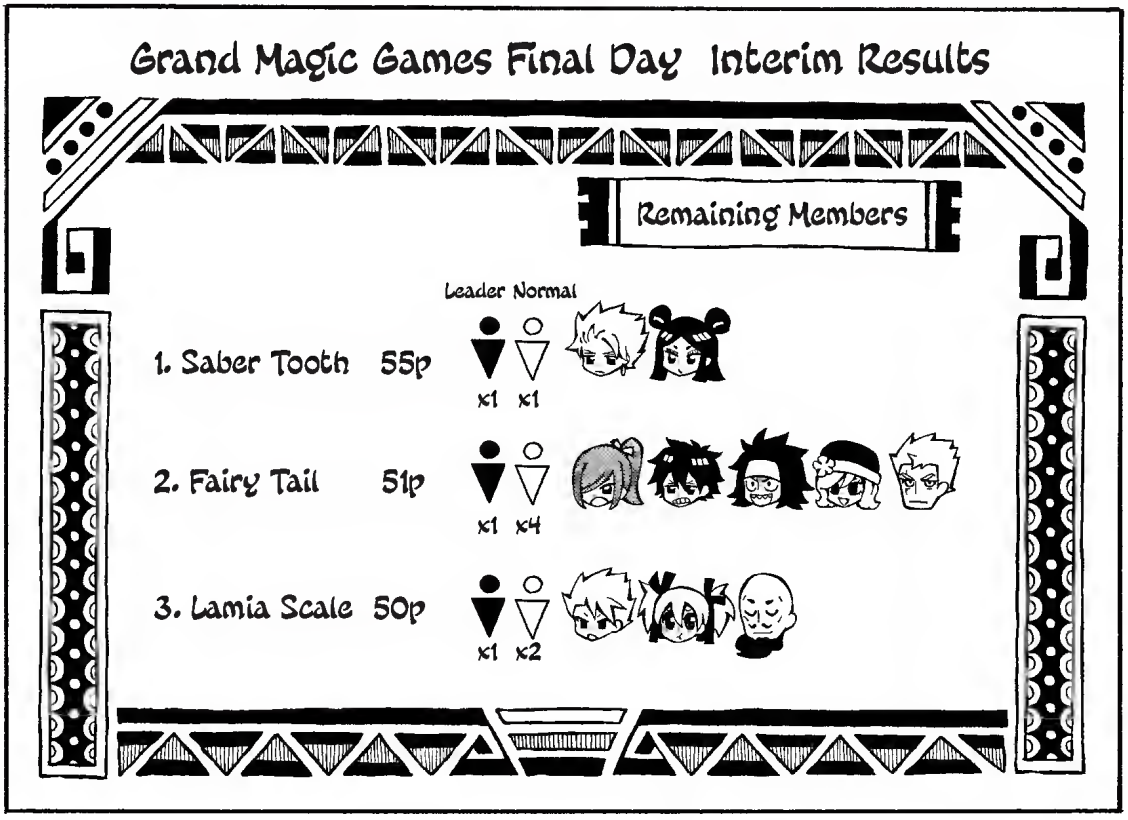

However high you get, there's always somewhere higher.
MATO, YOU DIDN'T SAY THAT RIGHT.
Wow. Just... wow. Nunkpin.
I-I don't... have words for this...
A-AGAIN WITH JUST ONE ATTACK...

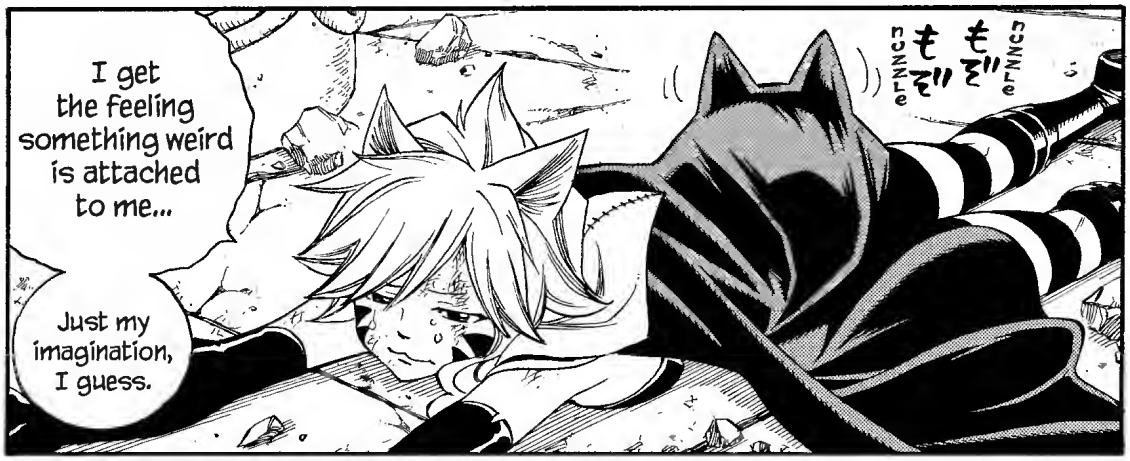
But you should look *down* sometimes too!
!
Nobody knows that better'n me!

There might be someone at your feet!!!
KRUNCH

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル





Chapter 321: Laxus vs. Jura

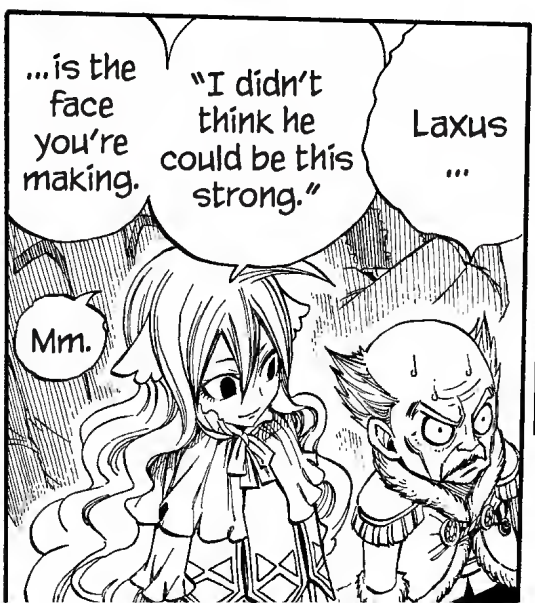
Ooh !!!
What ?!!
와와와!!
FLASH
YAAY !!!!
YEEEESSS !!!
Go, Laxus !!!

*Lightning Dragon's Sky-Piercing Halberd!

KAFOOOM
HAAAA
GANCH

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
SLAM
VOOSH
CHANG
VEEN
BOOM
HRRAAGH
GAHH !!
SLAM
HAHH !!

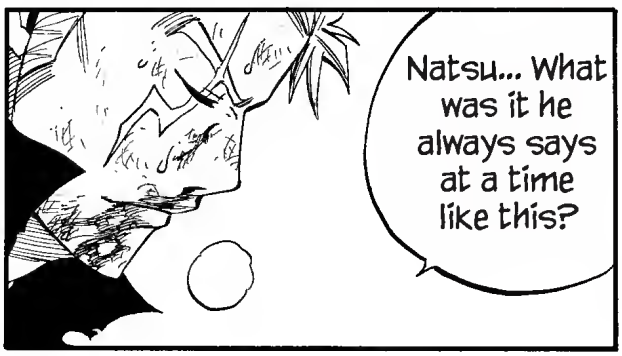
GANCH
THAK
GRUNCH
KARA


...is the face you're making.
"I didn't think he could be this strong."
Laxus ...
Mm.

That guy... He also took out the whole Raven team at once!
CHATTER
Wow...
It's Jura!! And he's fighting him to a draw...
CHATTER

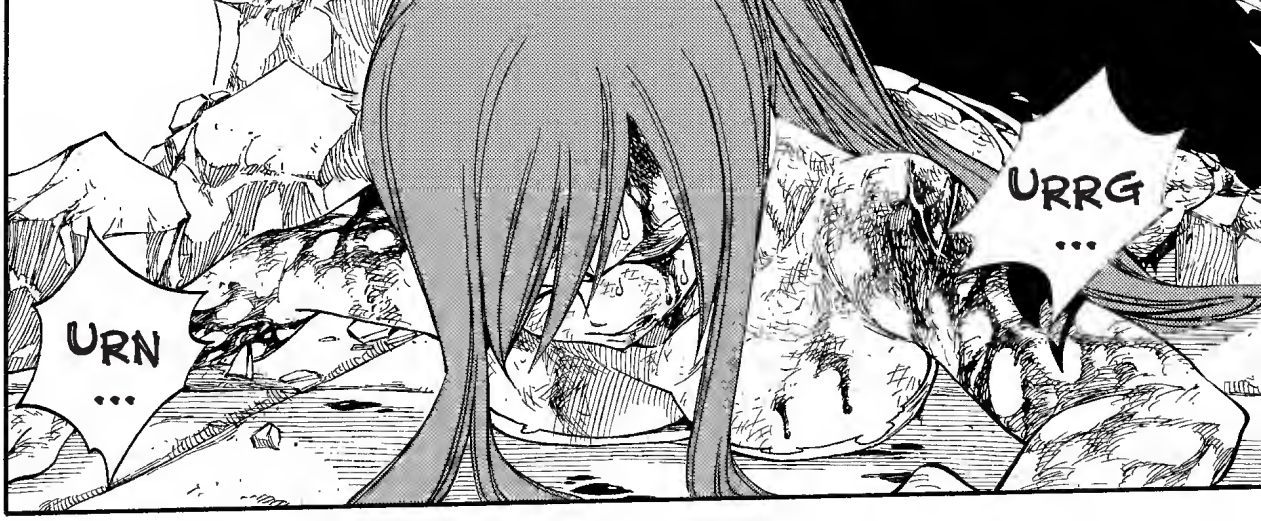
OHHHHHHHHH!!!!
Everyone matures.
Especially the young ones who have to live in the coming age.
WHOOM
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
I am...
...aston-ished.

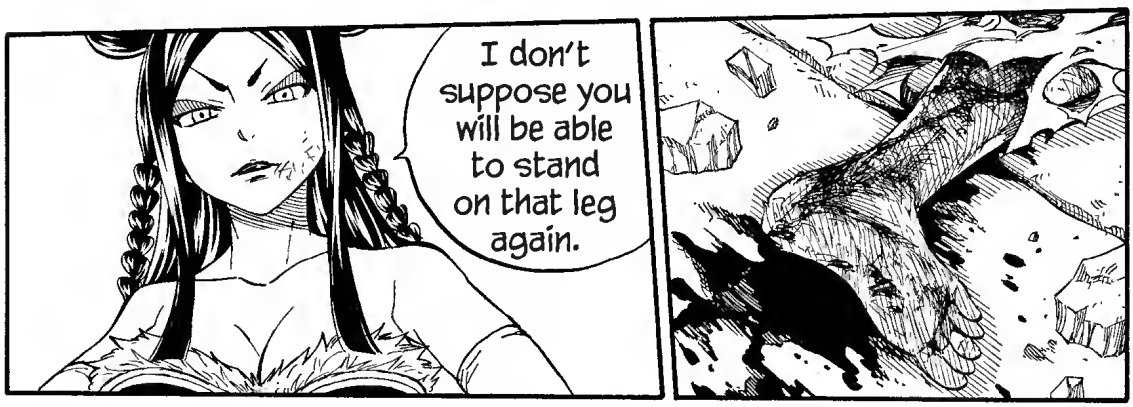
You're a monster, just like they all say...
HAHH HAHH HAHH
I have not had an impassioned fight these past several years.

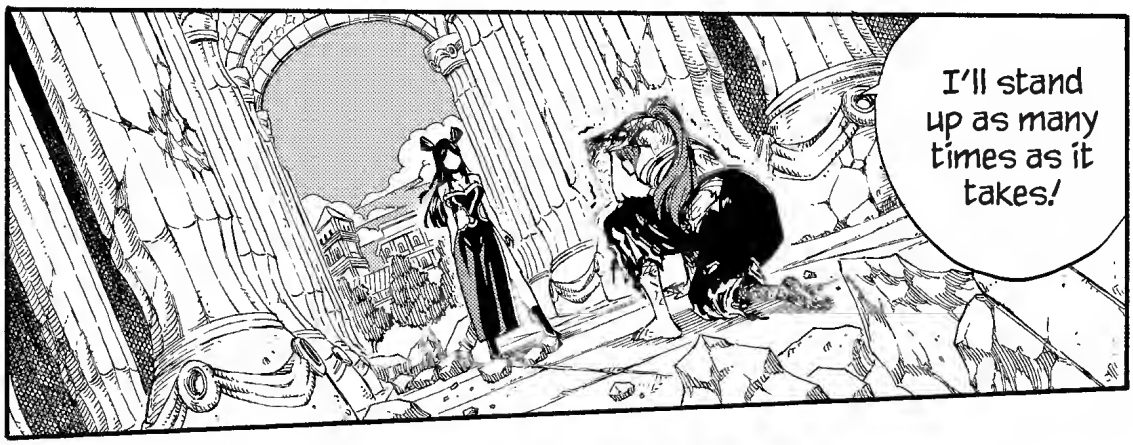

Natsu... What was it he always says at a time like this?

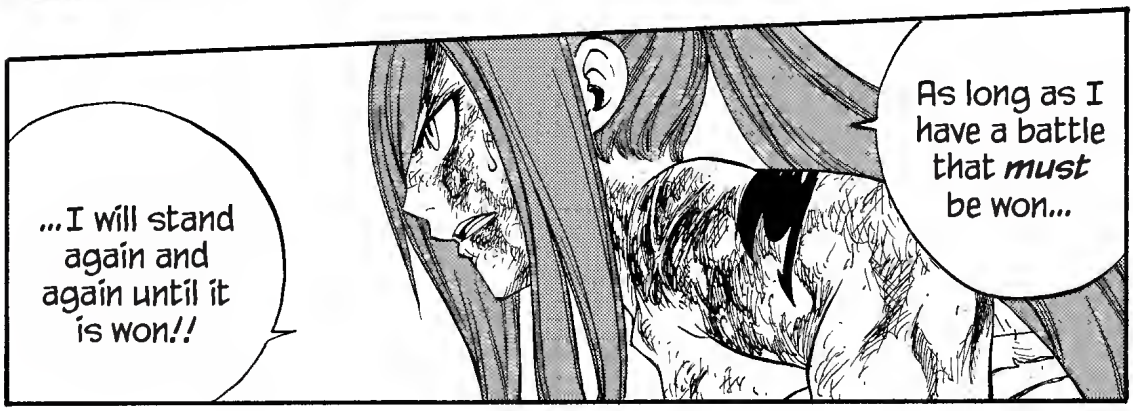
I'm all fired up!

Come at me...
We'll do this until one of us reaches his limits!!!
OHH
HH
HH
HH
HH !!!
GHWOOOGH


URRG
...
URN
...

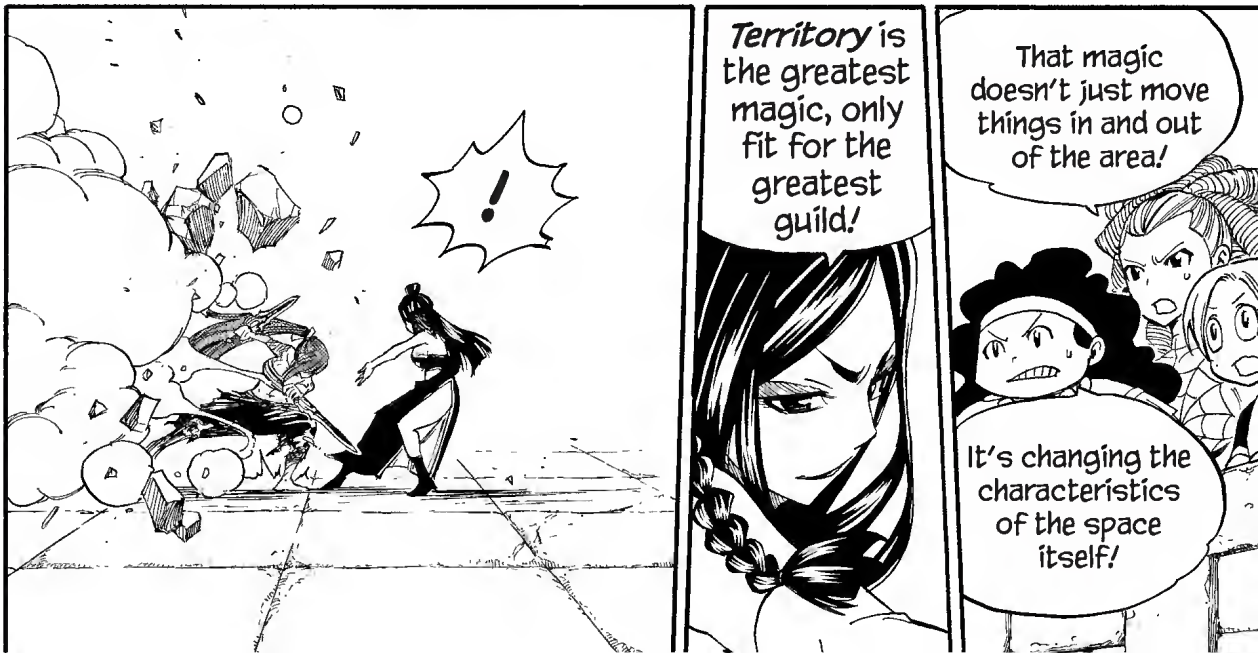

I don't suppose you will be able to stand on that leg again.


I'll stand up as many times as it takes!

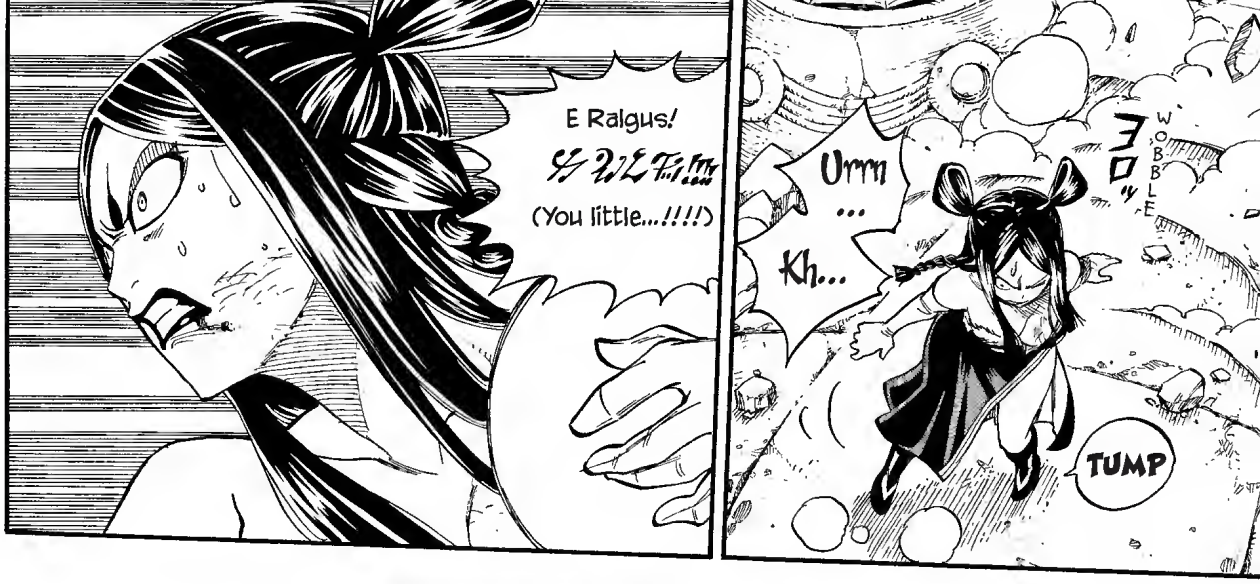

As long as I have a battle that *must* be won...
...I will stand again and again until it is won!!

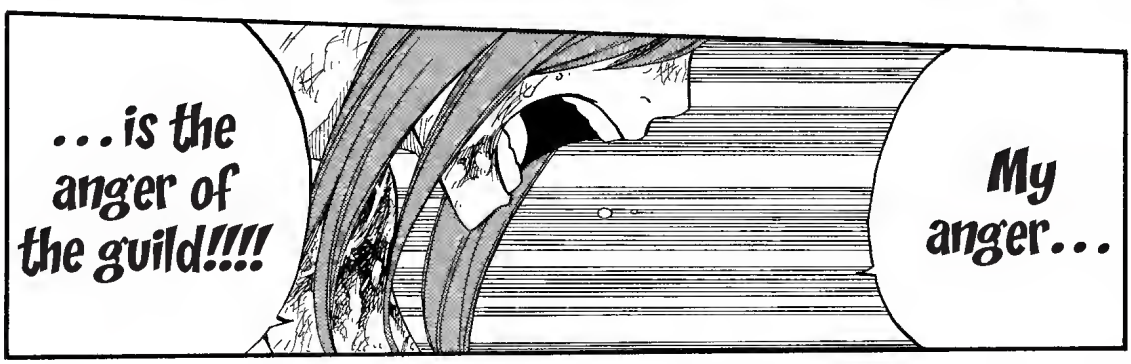
OOM
Look at what you did to Lucy!
To my friends!
GRNN
Anger is bad for your looks.
I already told you that you made an enemy of the only guild you should never anger!
You have made me angry!
To Kagura!
To Millianna!
BOOM!!
HAAGH !!
GWAH !!
BOOM!!
And you think I'd flinch at that anger?

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
WHOOSH
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
Anything in my field of vision is within the range of my space-time magic attacks.
Explo-sions...


!
Territory is the greatest magic, only fit for the greatest guild!
That magic doesn't just move things in and out of the area!
It's changing the characteristics of the space itself!

I see through you!!!!
Wha —?!
Kuhh!!
Aggh!!
Gah!


E Ralgus!
(You little...!!!!)
Urrm ...
Kh...
WOBBLE
TUMP


My anger...
...is the anger of the guild!!!!

SECOND ORIGIN, RELEASE !!!!
WOOF
OHHH

Like a wind through the wilds.
Forward, young ones!
She's been hiding it all this time?!!!
Her second origin ?!!
NAKAGAMI ARMOR !!!!

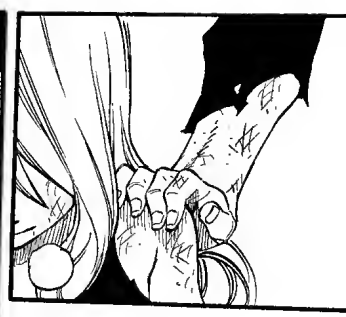
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH

Juvia...
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH

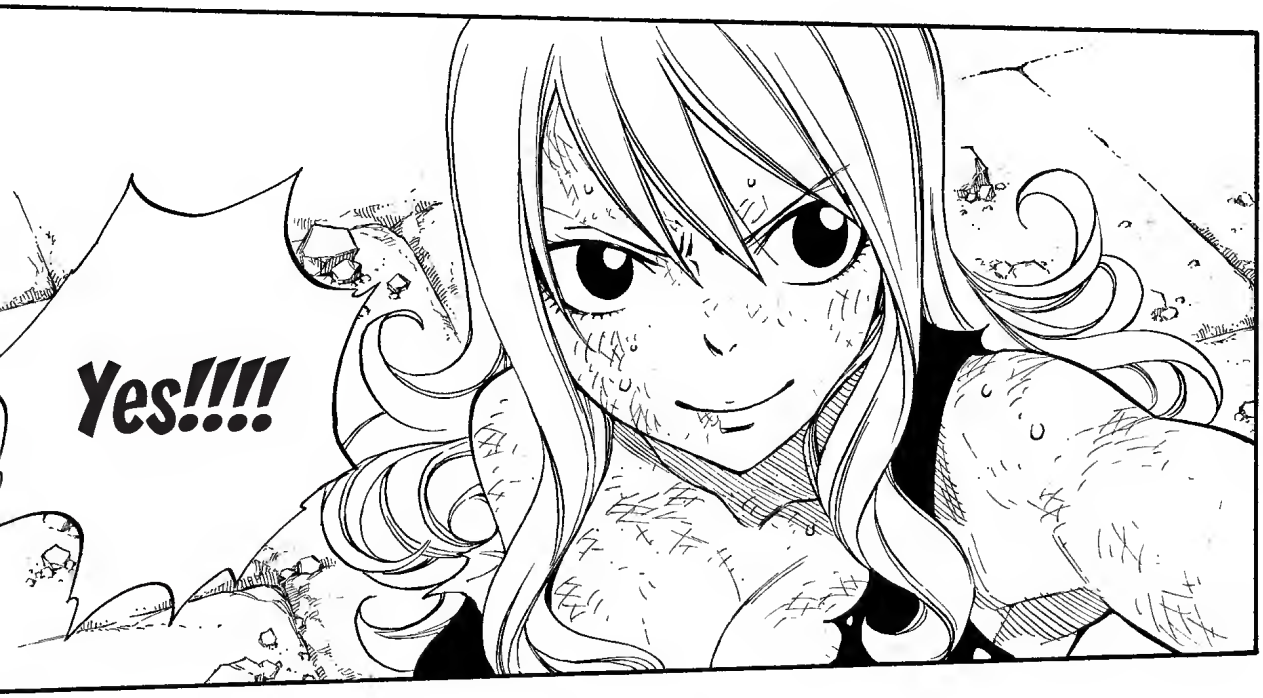
It's about time to finish them off, Lyon!!
Forgive me, Juvia.
HAHH
HAHH

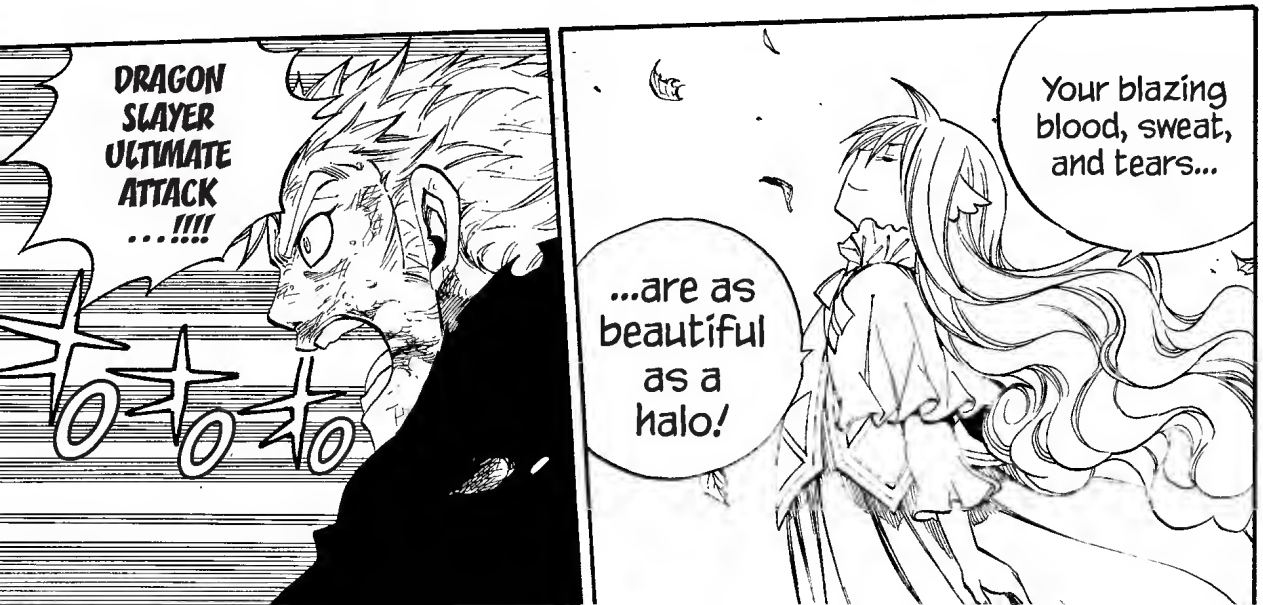
So we have to do better at combining *our* powers!
Gray-sama!

Their lack of teamwork is their weak point.

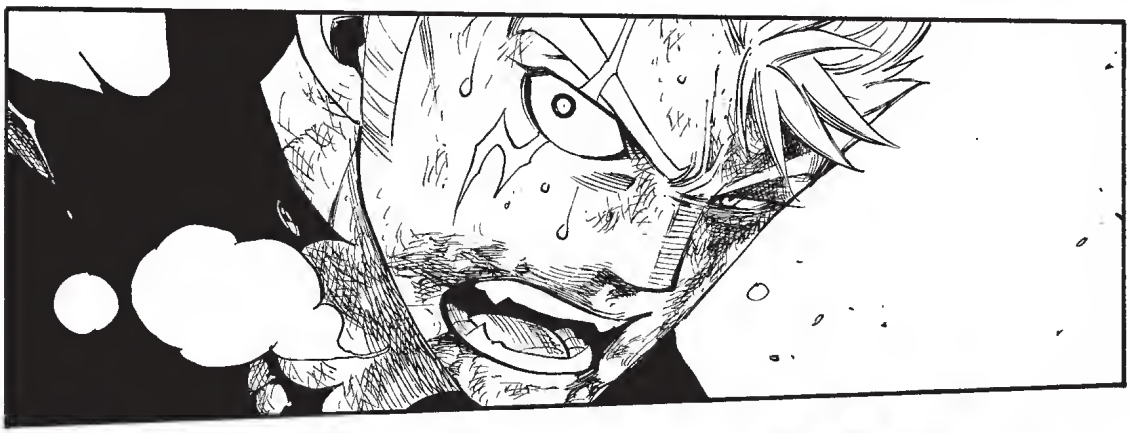


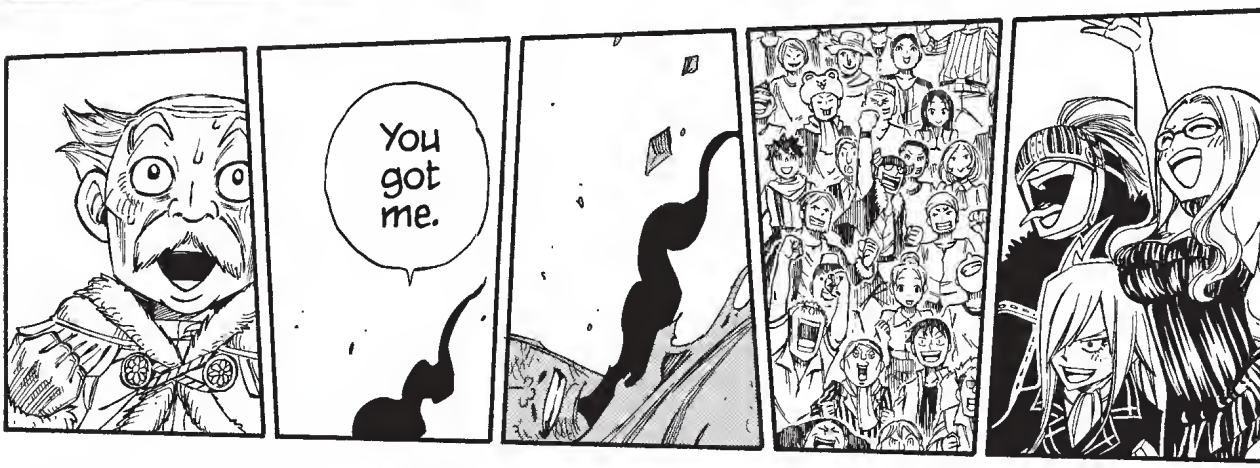
We'll hit them with all the magic we have!!!!

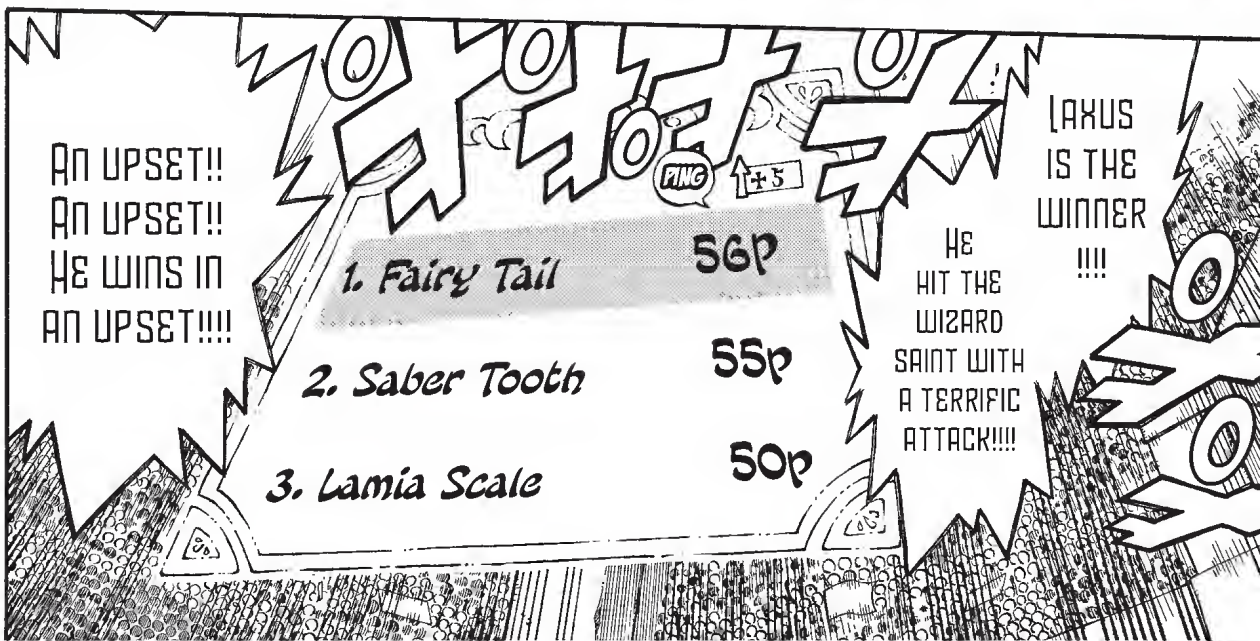

Yes!!!!

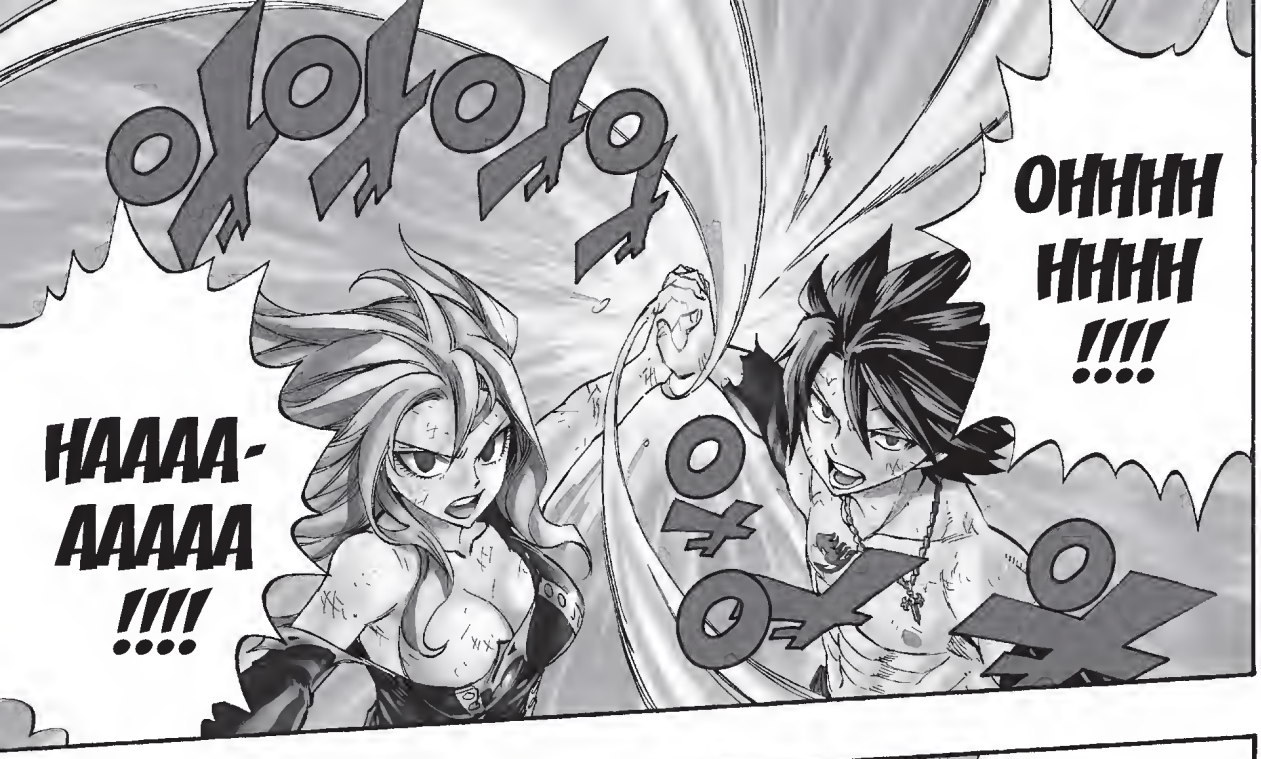

DRAGON SLAYER ULTIMATE ATTACK . . . !!!!
...are as beautiful as a halo!
Your blazing blood, sweat, and tears...

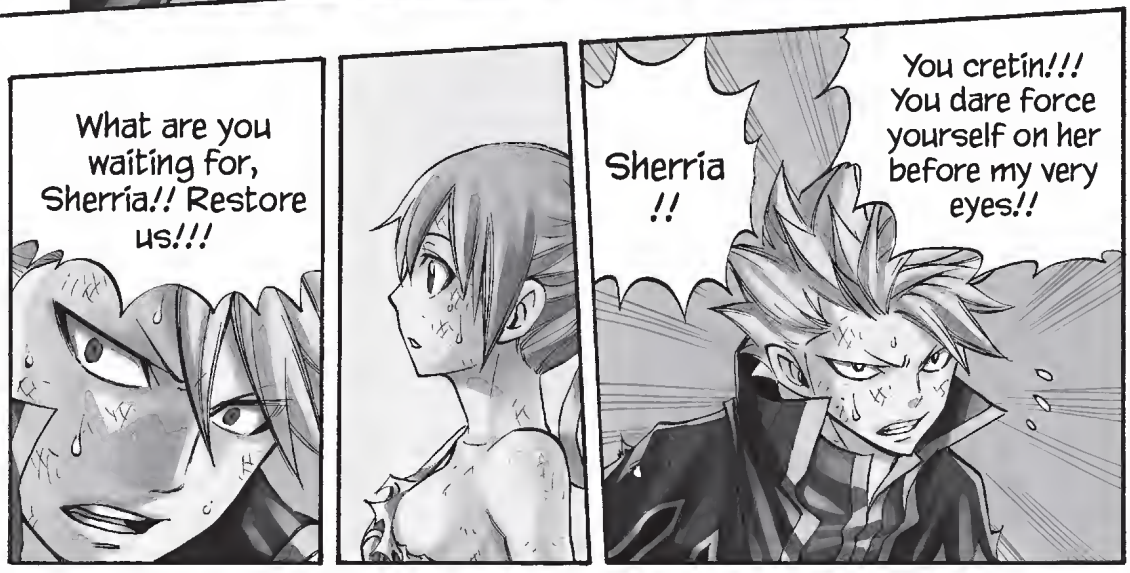
Be not afraid...
...young ones!
NARUMI-KAZUCHI* !!!!!
ZE
CHI
A
A
A
H
H
Wherever you go, you blaze a new path!
*Roaring Thunder!

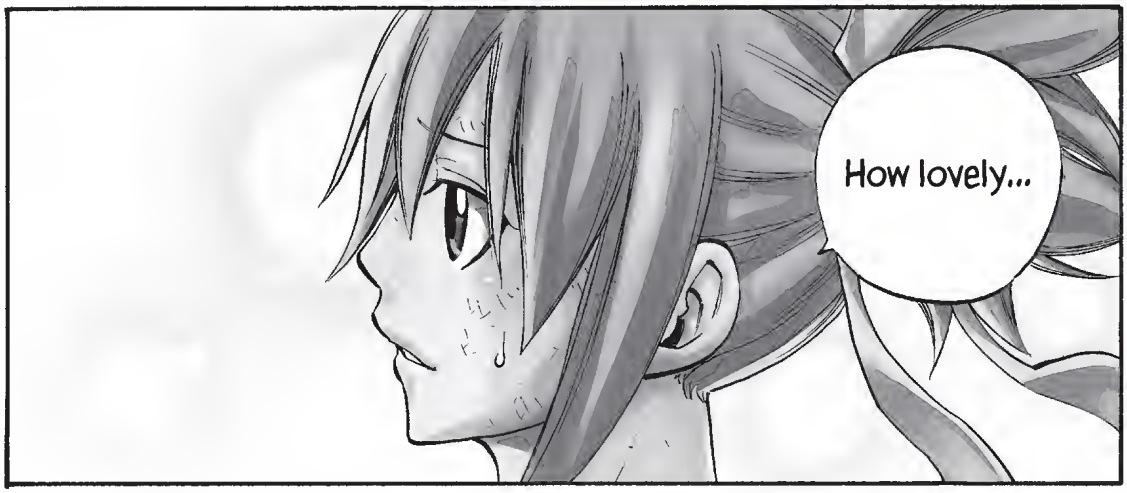



You got me.


AFTER
PING
+5
1. Fairy Tail 56p
2. Saber Tooth 55p
3. Lamia Scale 50p
AN UPSET!! AN UPSET!! HE WINS IN AN UPSET!!!!
HE HIT THE WIZARD SAINT WITH A TERRIFIC ATTACK!!!!
LAXUS IS THE WINNER !!!!


HAAAA-
AAAAA
!!!!
OHHHH
HHHH
!!!!


What are you waiting for, Sherria!! Restore us!!!
Sherria !!
You cretin!!! You dare force yourself on her before my very eyes!!


How lovely...

FAIRY TAIL
フェアリーテイル
H.Ro.MASHIMA
ヒロ マシマ
322.GLORIA
グロリア

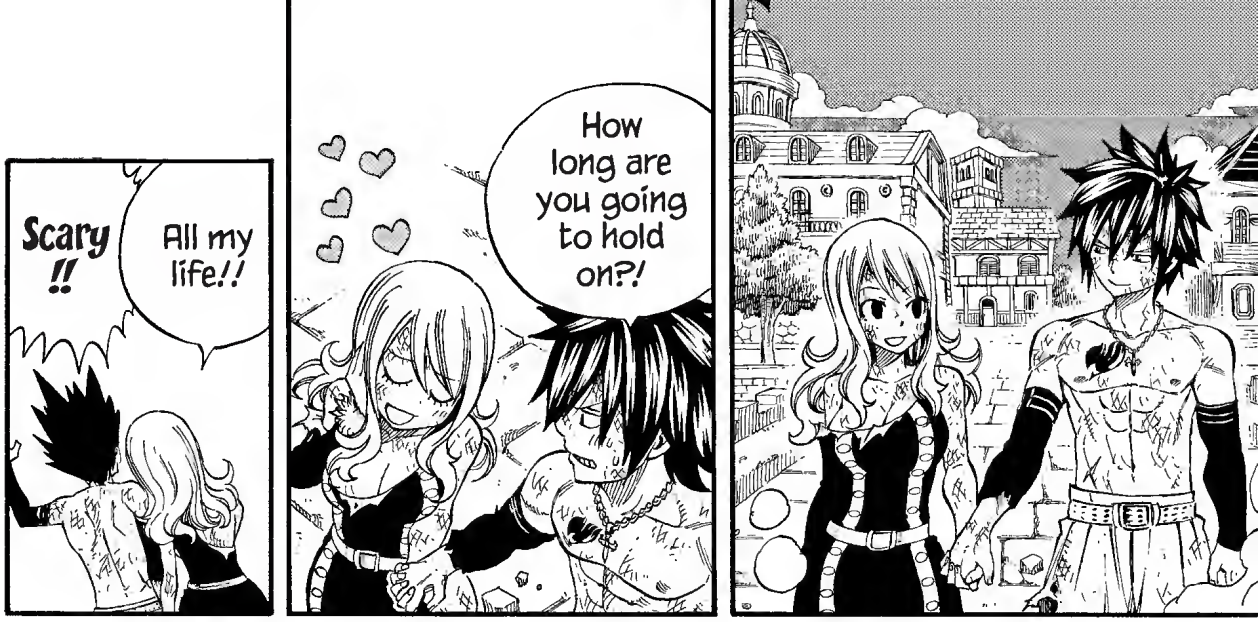
FAIRY TAIL

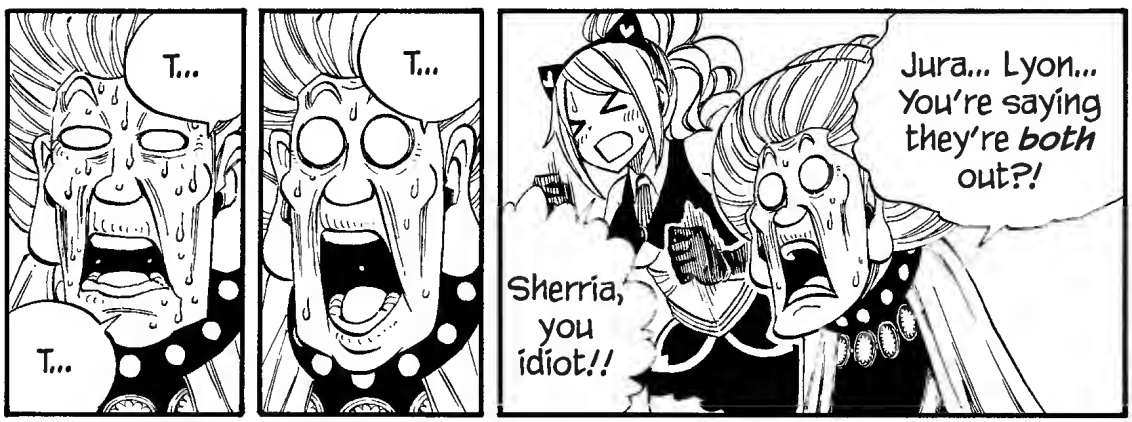
Gooooooo!!
aa
Yaaaaaahhhh!!

!!
SHAKKA
SHAKKA
SHAKKA
Sherria!! Don't just stand there!!

WHOOM!!!

This is your fault, Sherriaaaa !!!
I'm sorryyyyyy !!!
ZUWHAM
WHAM
WHAM
Nooo !!!
Kyaaa !!
WATER NEBULA !!!!
ICE GEYSER !!!!
WHAM
WHAM


Scary !!
All my life!!
How long are you going to hold on?!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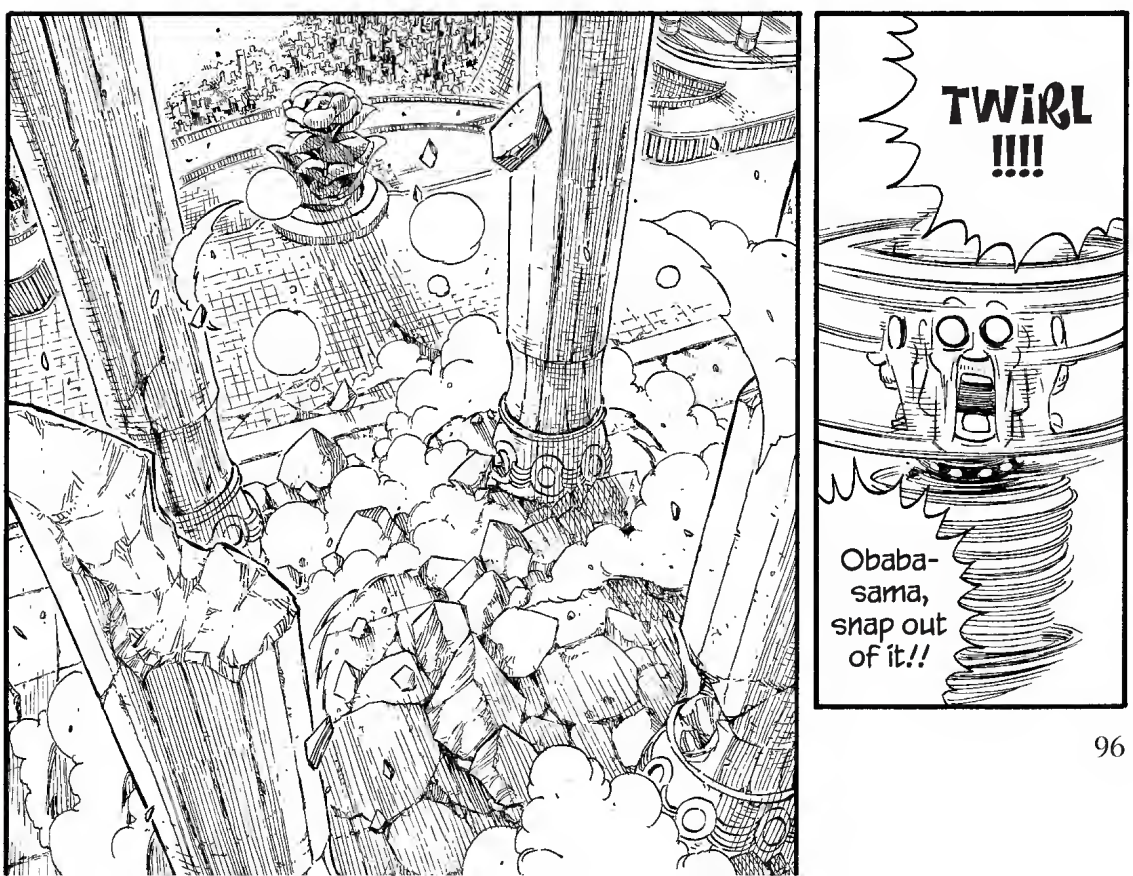
T...
T...
Jura... Lyon... You're saying they're *both* out?!
Sherria, you idiot!!

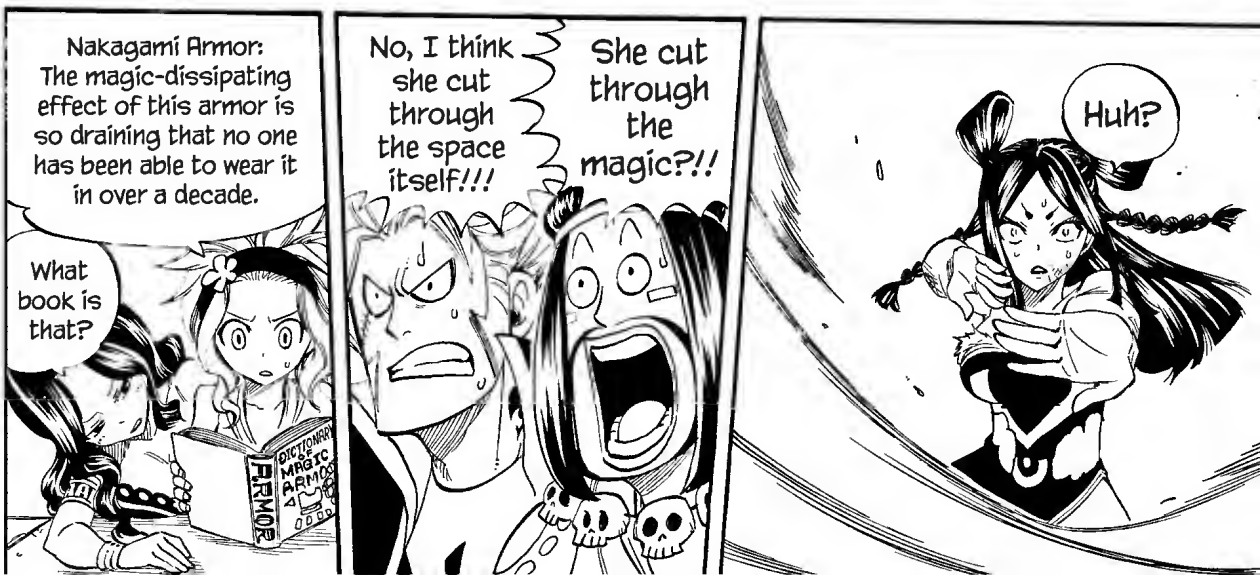

TWIRL !!!!
Obaba-sama, snap out of it!!

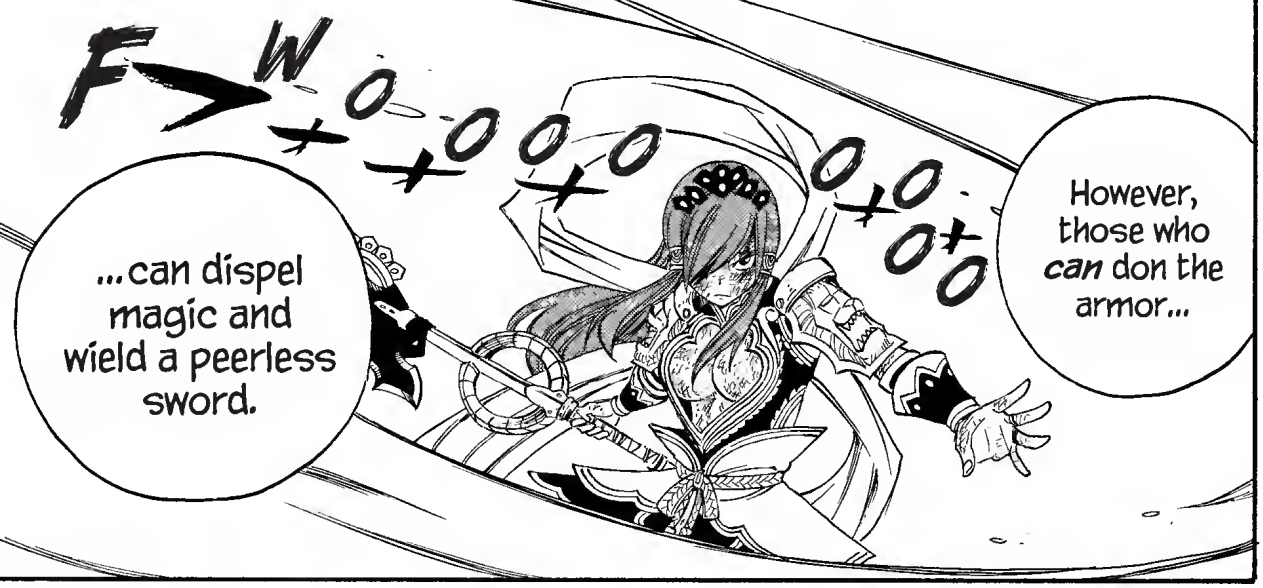
This will be the end!

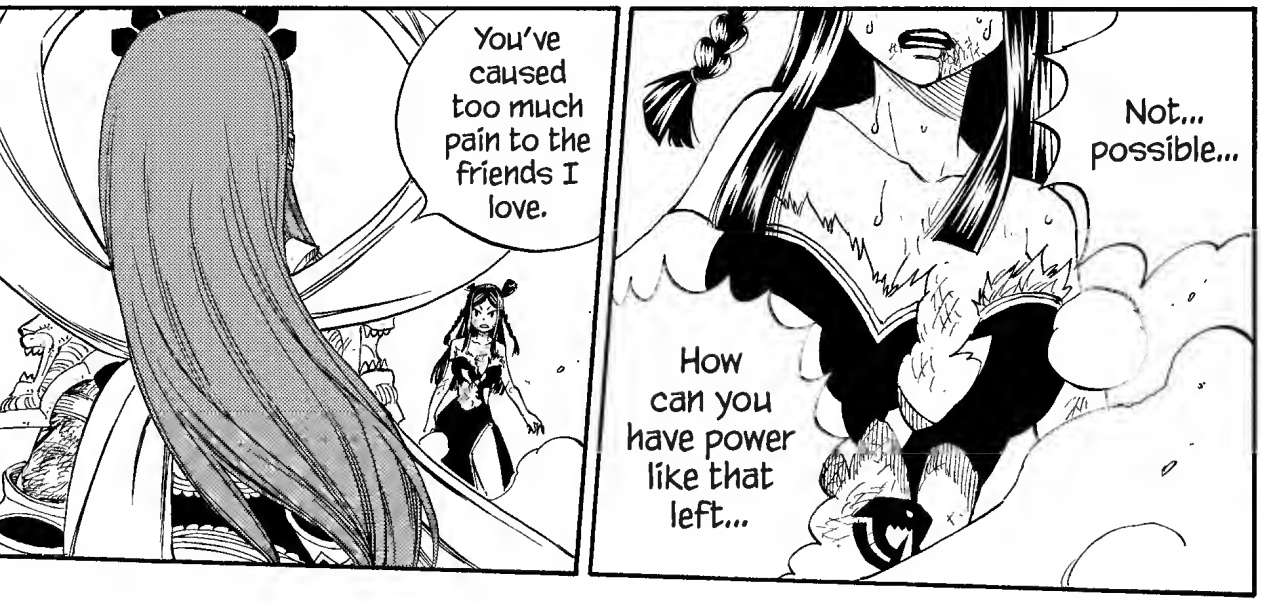
Ro hwaset!!
(Trash!)
Ro hwasetya!!
(You're only trash!)

DWOOM
I ragd!!!!
(Perish!)

ZUVAAAASH

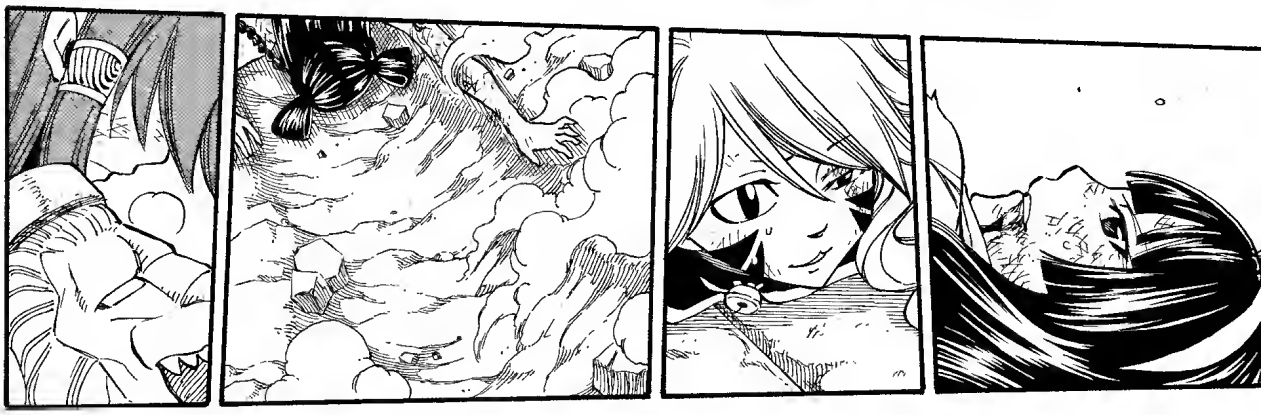

Nakagami Armor: The magic-dissipating effect of this armor is so draining that no one has been able to wear it in over a decade.
What book is that?
DICTIONARY OF MAGIC ARMOR
P.ARMOR
No, I think she cut through the space itself!!!
She cut through the magic?!!
Huh?


...can dispel magic and wield a peerless sword.
However, those who *can* don the armor...

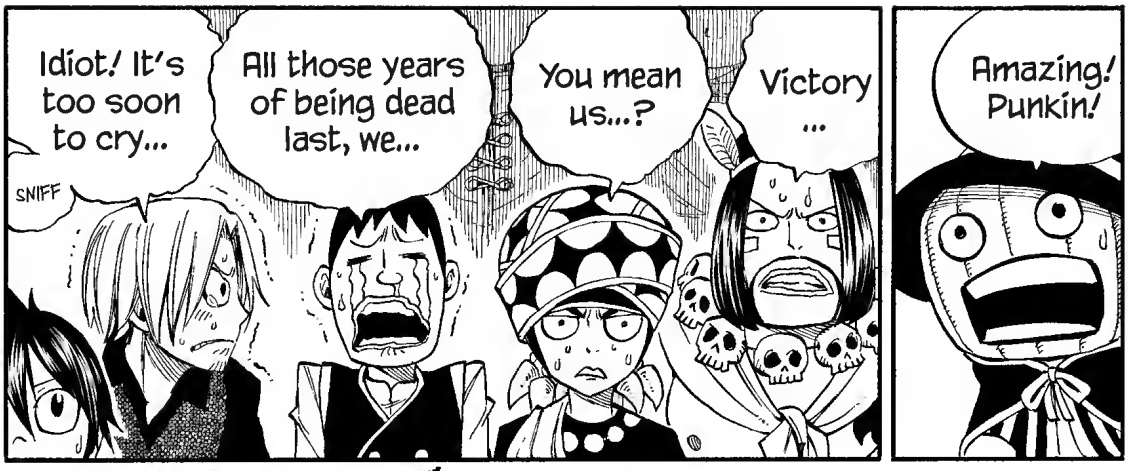

You've caused too much pain to the friends I love.
Not... possible...
How can you have power like that left...

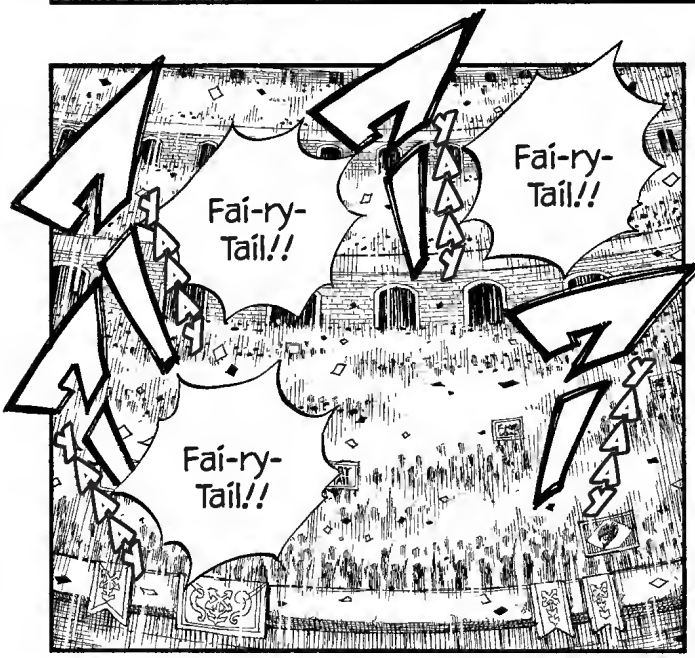
I am...
Don't do it!!!!
I am...
Now receive retribution!
No...
SLIP
Stop ...

NAKAGAMI:
ASTERISM
!!!!!!
ZWAAAT



1+5
1+2
63p
1. Fairy Tail
2. Saber Tooth 55
~~Lamia Scale 50~~
Also just moments ago Gray and Juvia eliminated Lyon and Sherria to give them two more points!!!!
She just took down the Saber Tooth leader and earned five points!!!!
It's Erza !!!!
Fairy Tail is strong!!!! Almost too strong!!!!
Can they win this without losing a single member?!
Hm... It may be fair to say that Fairy Tail is very close to a victory.
Mm-ho
Yajima-san, can we say this is over...?
Only one opponent is left: Sting from Saber Tooth!!!


Idiot! It's too soon to cry...
All those years of being dead last, we...
You mean us...?
Victory...
SNIFF
Amazing! Punkin!


Fai-ry-Tail!!
Fai-ry-Tail!!
Fai-ry-Tail!!
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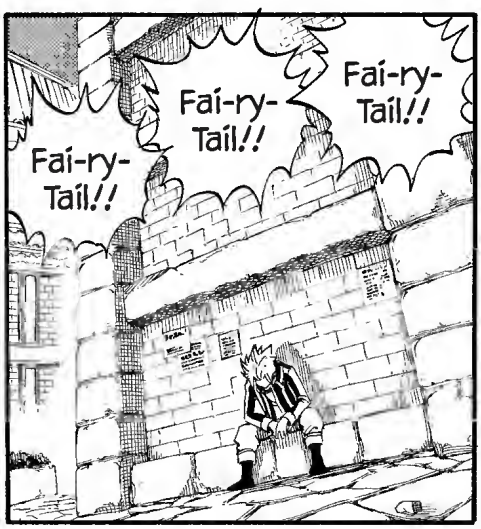
There's still one left!
Right!! There's no way!!
But... how can just one guy face all those opponents?
Fairy Tail pretty much has this all wrapped up!!

PHEW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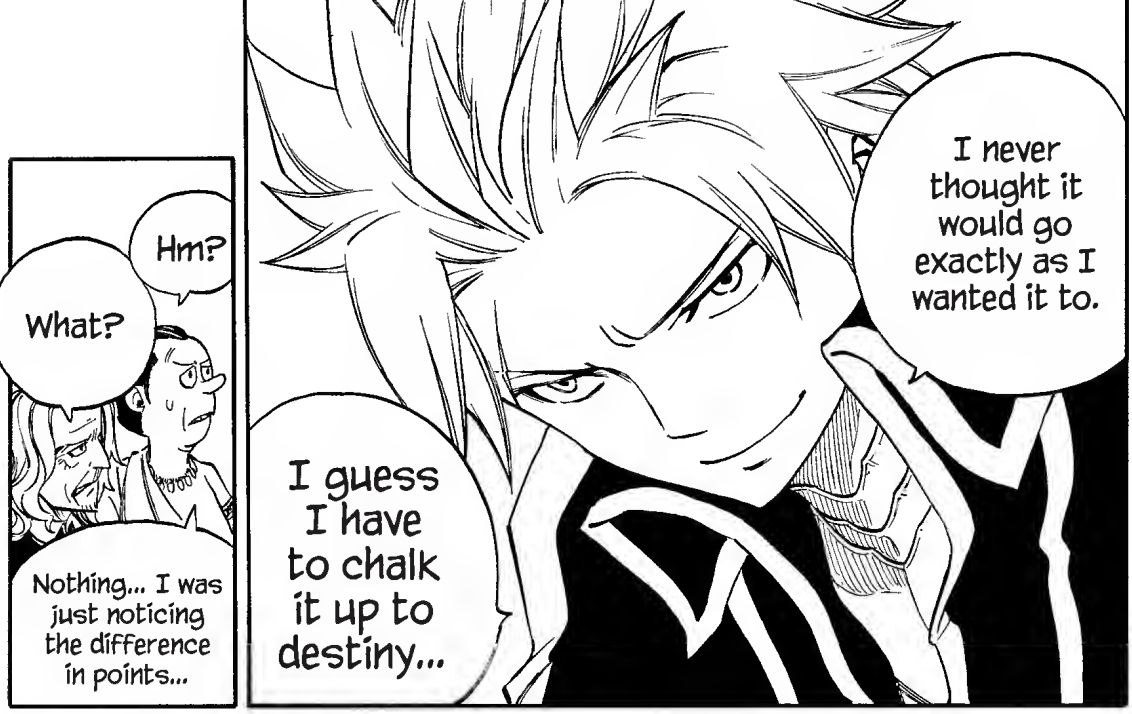
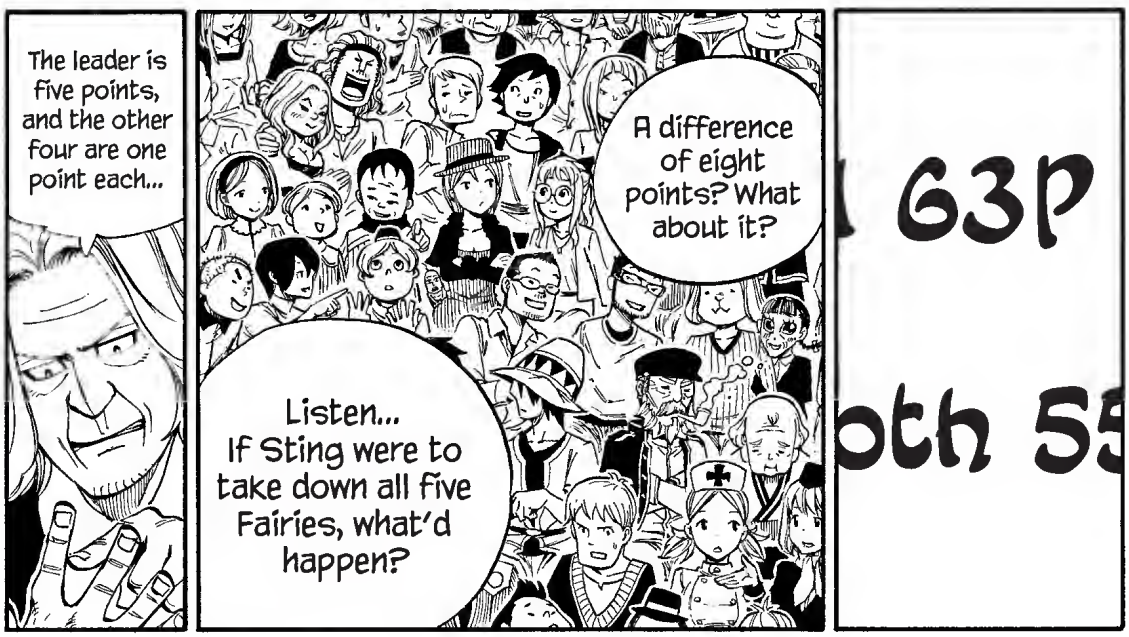
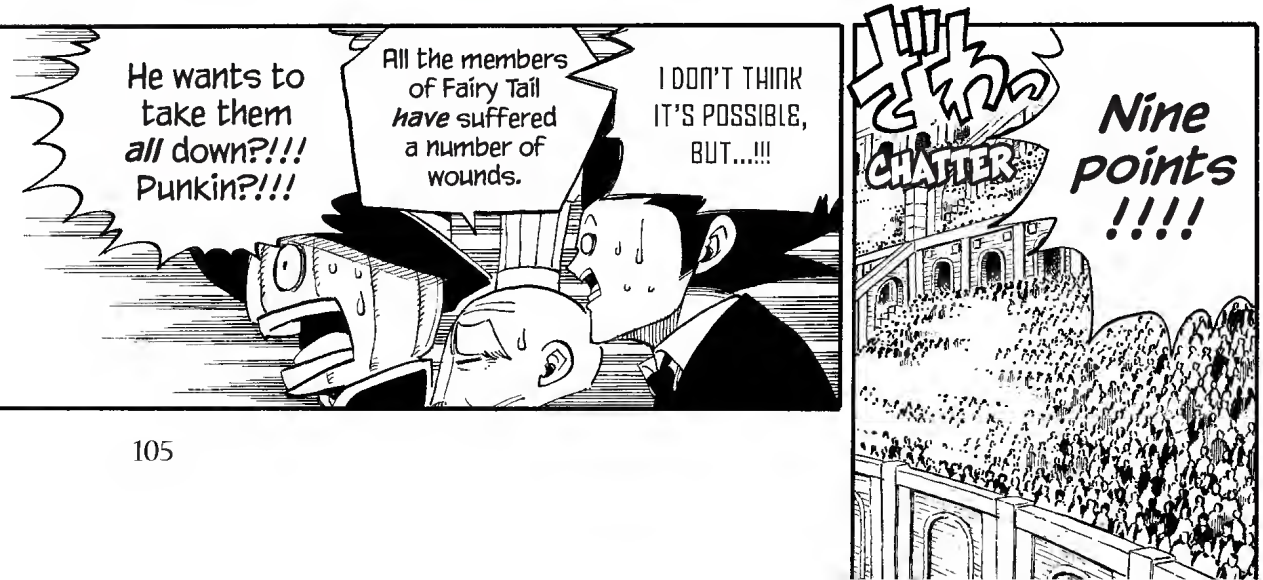
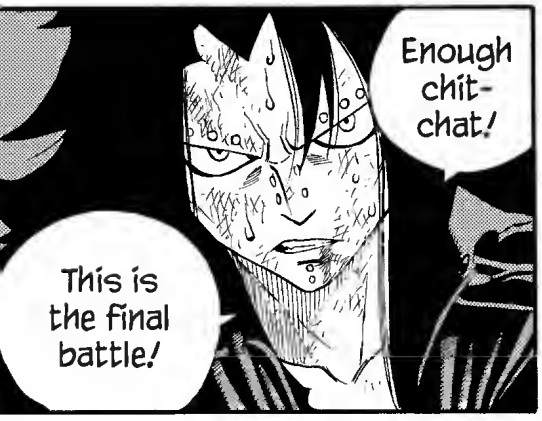
Finally...
Yes...


I never thought it would go exactly as I wanted it to.
I guess I have to chalk it up to destiny...
Hm?
What?
Nothing... I was just noticing the difference in points...

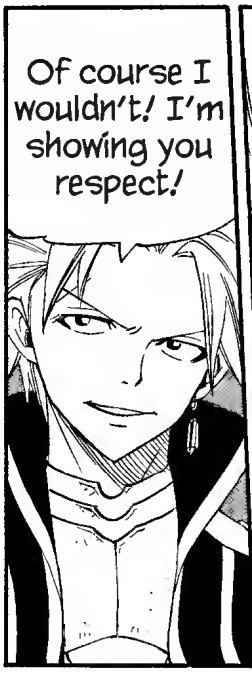

The leader is five points, and the other four are one point each...
A difference of eight points? What about it?
Listen... If Sting were to take down all five Fairies, what'd happen?
63P
oth 55


He wants to take them *all* down?!!! Punkin?!!!
All the members of Fairy Tail *have* suffered a number of wounds.
I DON'T THINK IT'S POSSIBLE, BUT...!!!
CHATTER
Nine points !!!!

BOOP
OM
CHATTER
Is that what he wanted?!
Oh, come on!! Not a chance, right...?
I'm right here!!
Come to me, Fairy Tail!!!!
WOBBLE
WOBBLE


Enough chit-chat!
This is the final battle!

What a view!
You all were the wizards I worshipped seven years ago.


Of course I wouldn't! I'm showing you respect!

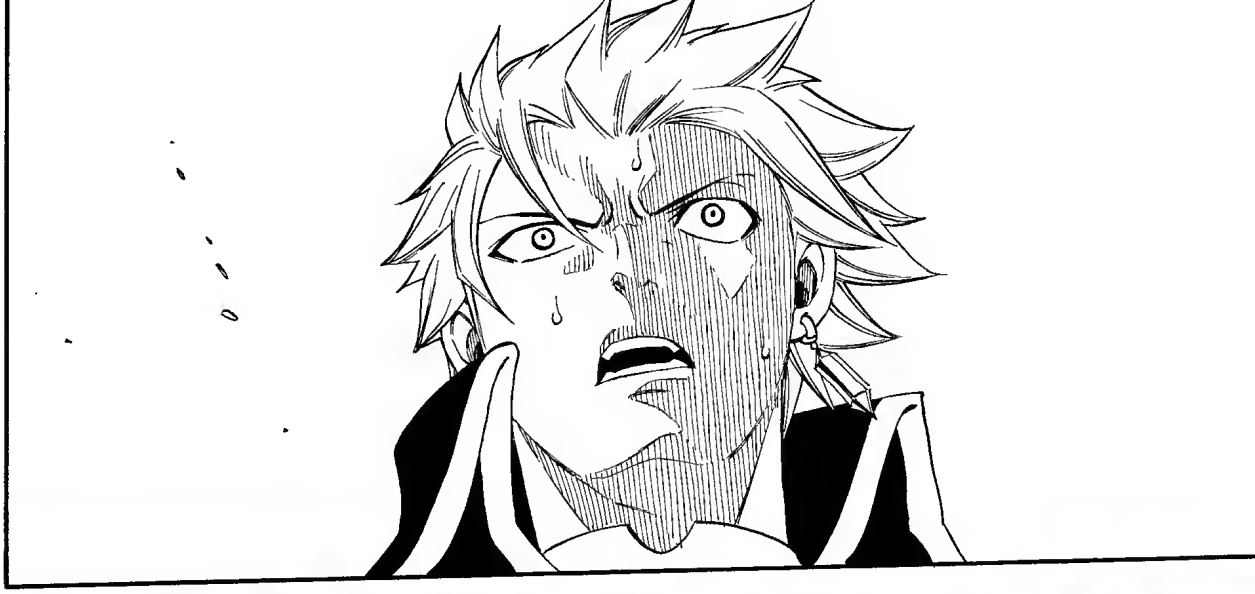
You shouldn't underestimate Fairy Tail.

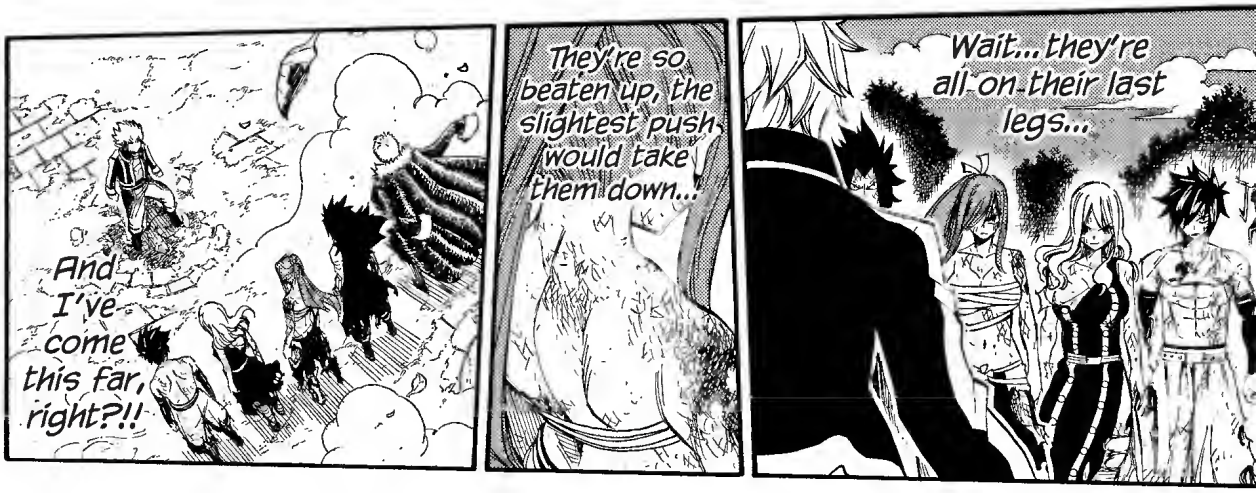
You can all come at me at once. With your wounds, one-on-one would be boring.

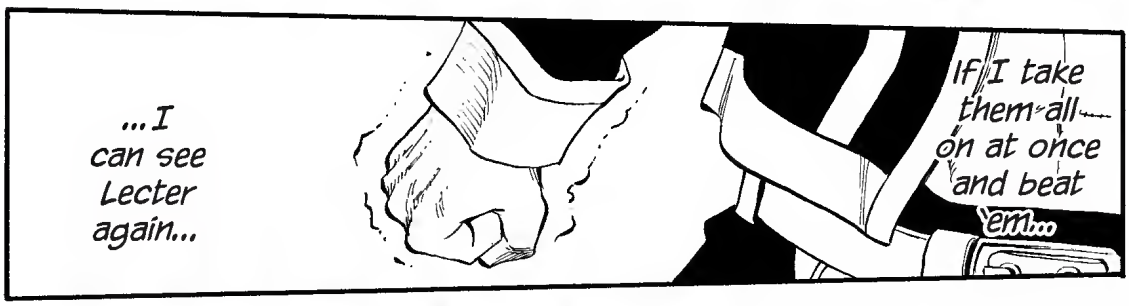
Which one do you want?
We'll take you one-on-one!

That's exactly why I'll crush you all at once!!!!
I've been waiting for this moment!!!!
I'm going to show Lecter just how strong I am!!!!
Very well!
If you are prepared for the outcome...
I ain't got a clue what you're saying, but you're serious?
... Sting!
Then we will fight you...

That's how it's gotta be!
I'll let you all see...
WOOM
...the power awakened in me!
GWOOHHH
Heh heh...




And I've come this far, right?!!
They're so beaten up, the slightest push would take them down...
Wait...they're all on their last legs...

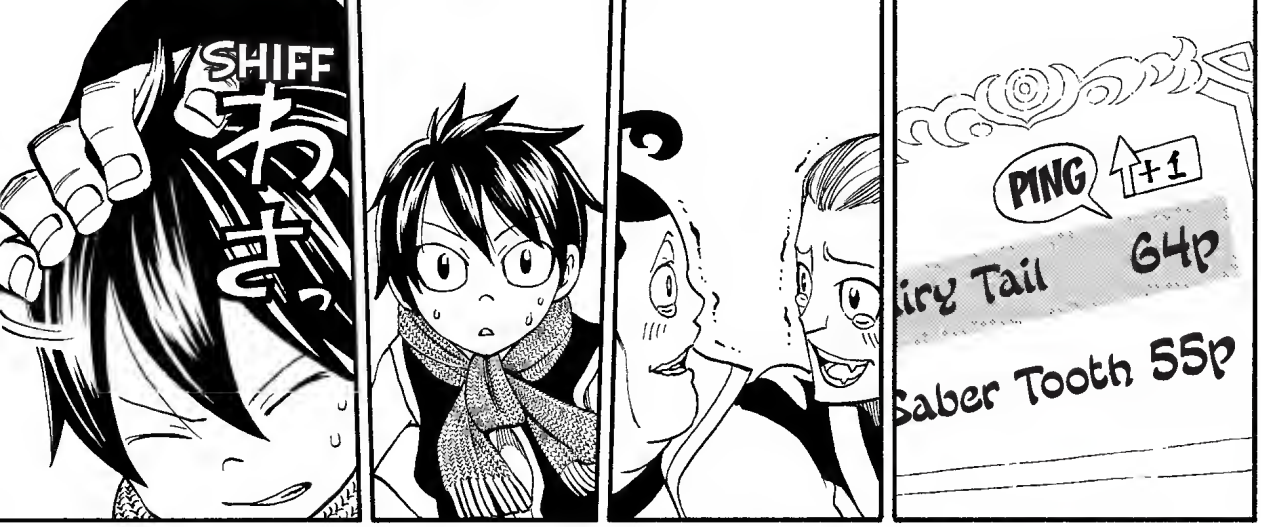

...I can see Lecter again...
If I take them all on at once and beat em...

I've gotten so strong!!!
I gotta move forward ...!!!
That's right!!! Lecter!!!

...have made me stronger...
My feelings for Lecter...
Stronger...
Stronger ...
SLUMP
I can win this!!!

I...can't win.

I...sur-render.

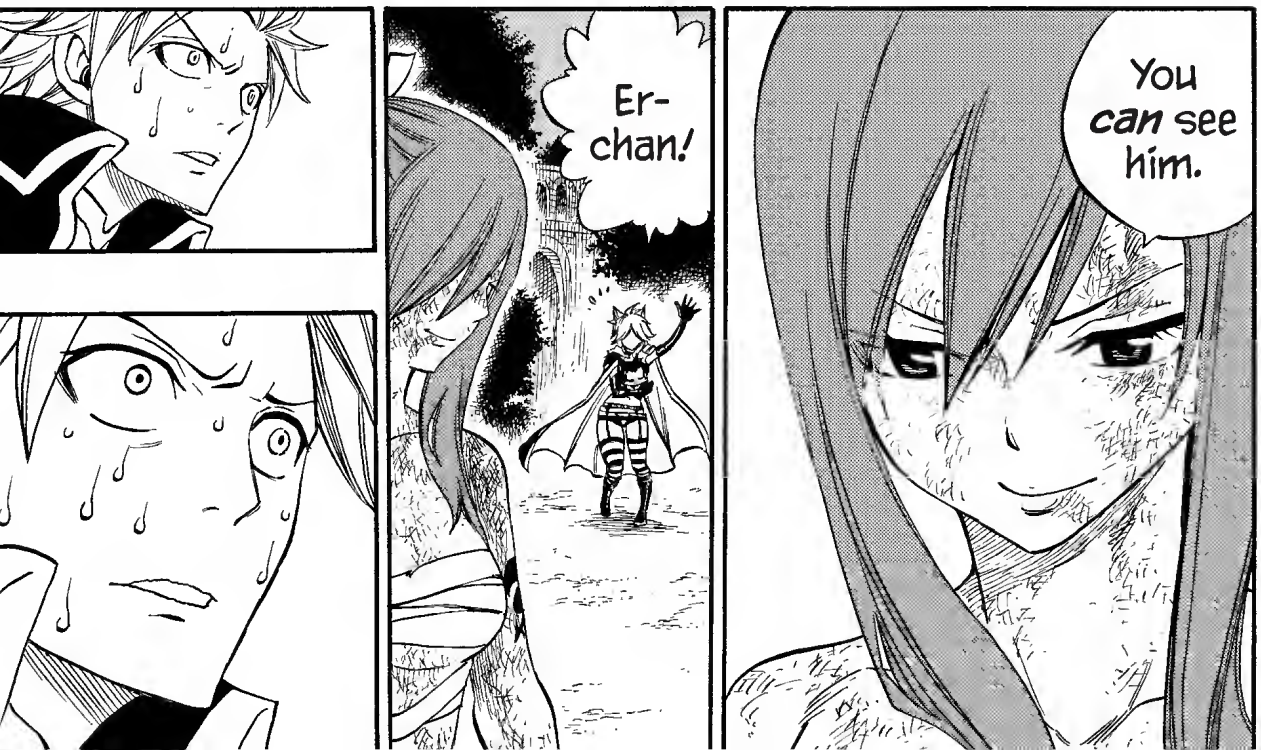

SHIFF
おっさ
PING
+1
iry Tail 64p
Saber Tooth 55p

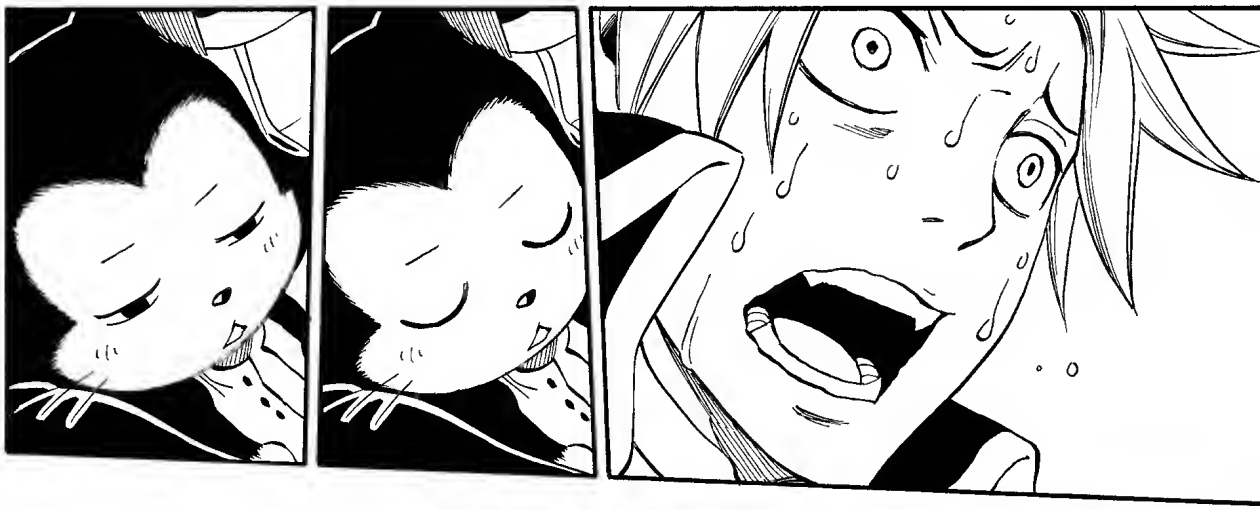
IT'S ALL OVER!!!!

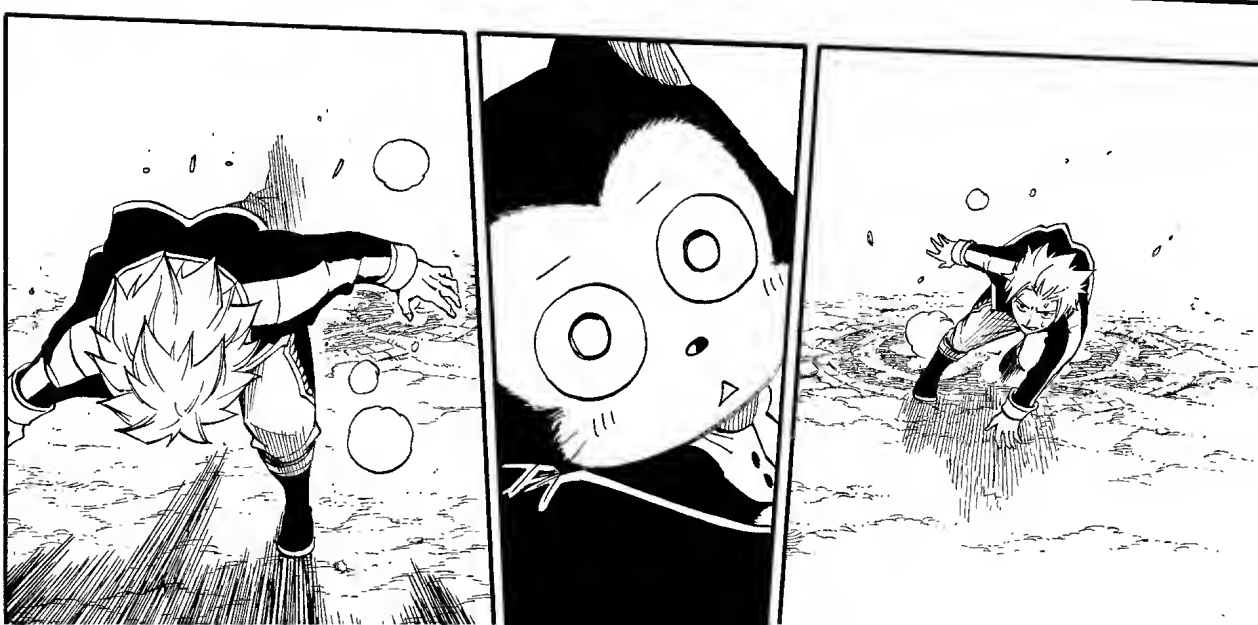
THE VICTOR IN THE GRAND MAGIC GAMES...
...IS FAIRY TAIL!!!!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

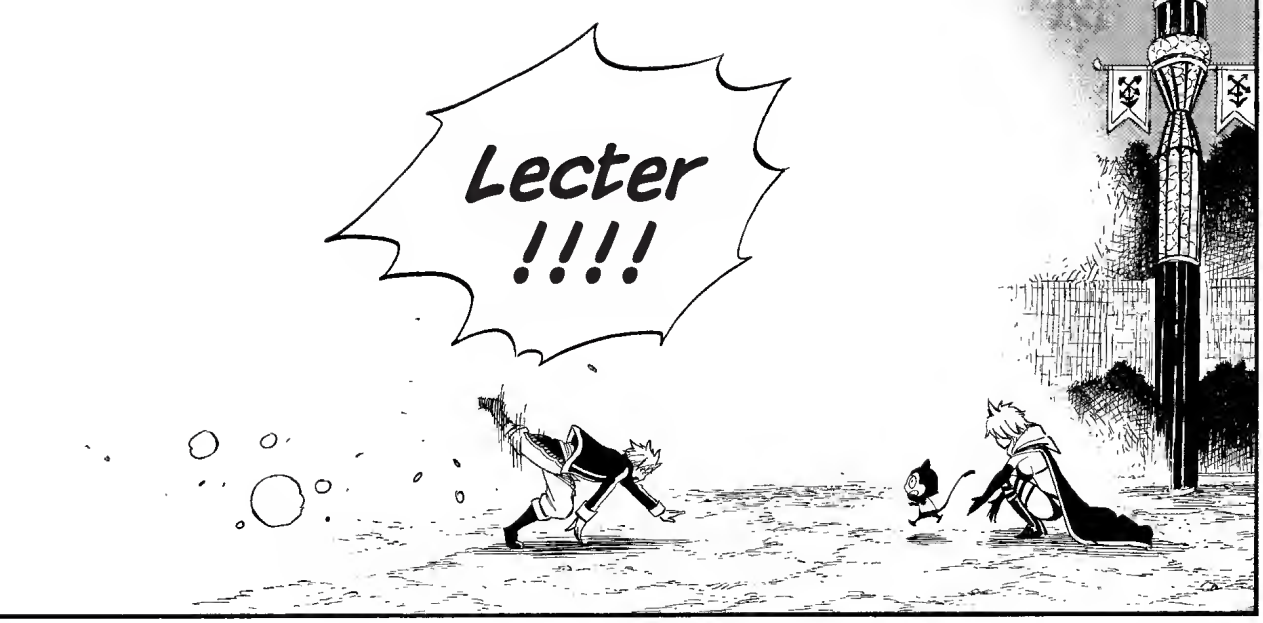
Because... I got the feeling... I'd never see him...
...
Why did you not attack us?
Sting...

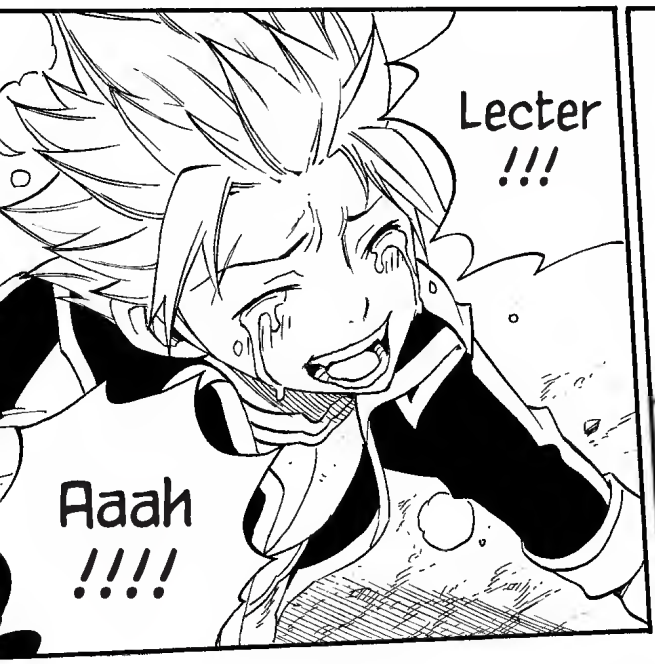
And... as I am now... I wouldn't be able to see him...
It's like you were too bright to look at...
I don't get it myself.
But for some reason... I got the feeling... I wouldn't...
I thought that if I won, I could see him again.

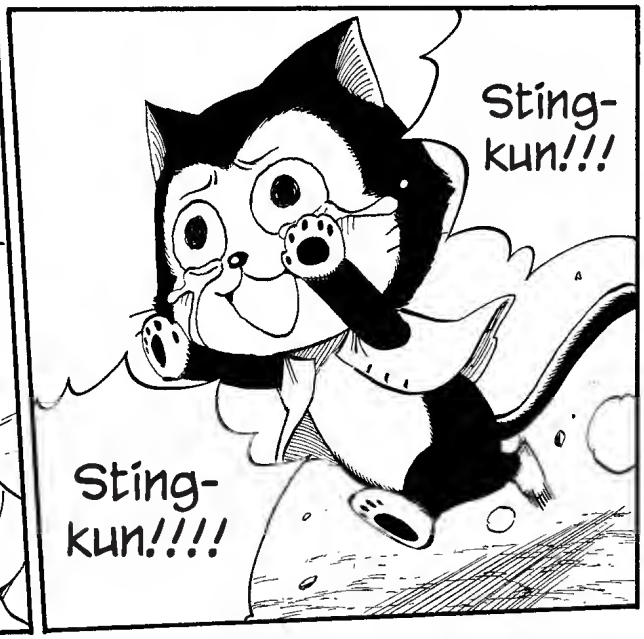

Er-chan!
You *can* see him.

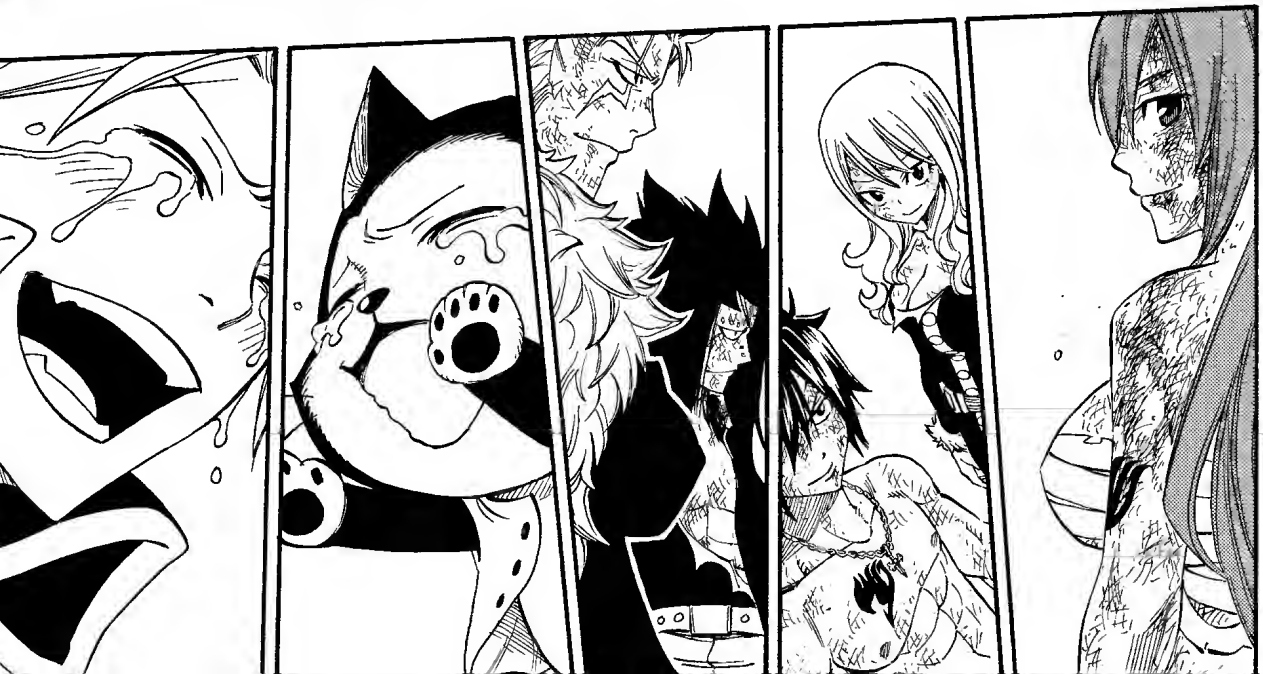


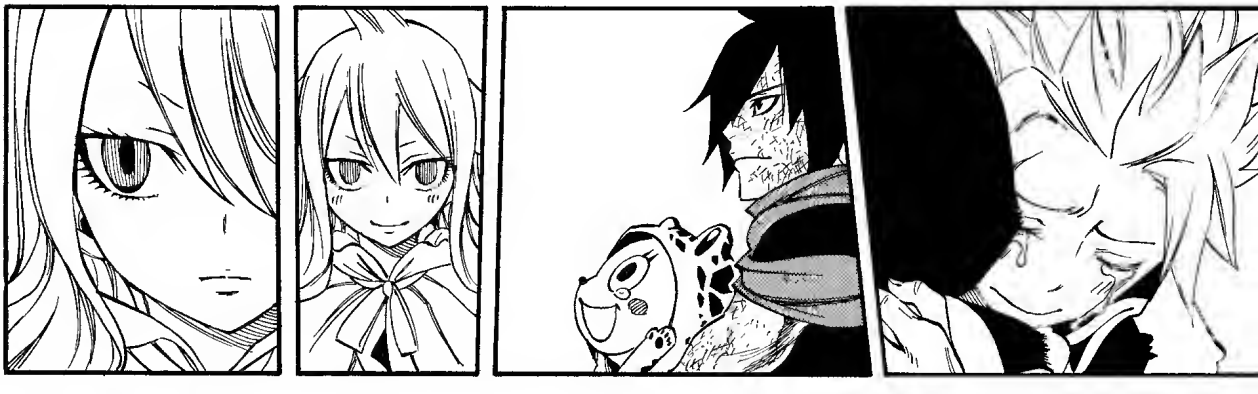


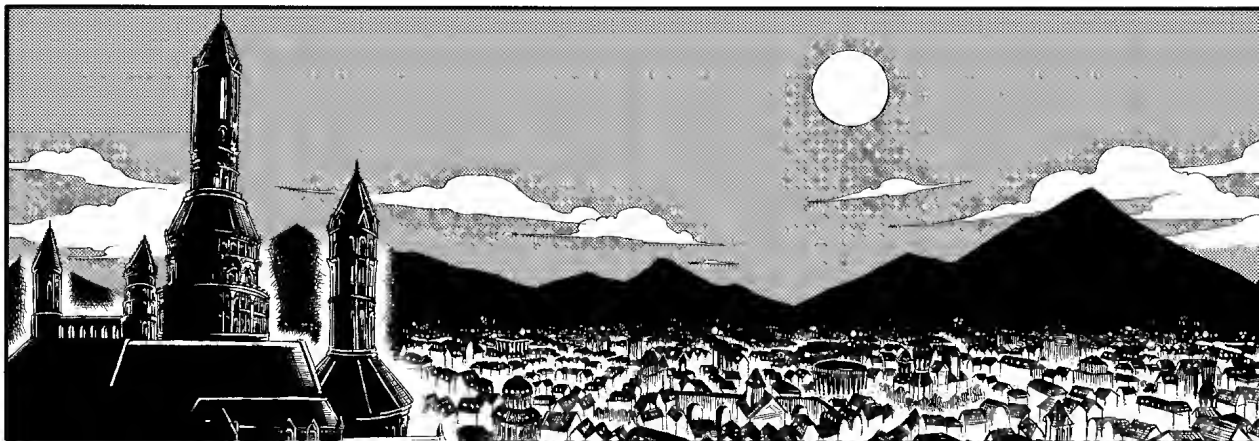

Lecter !!!!

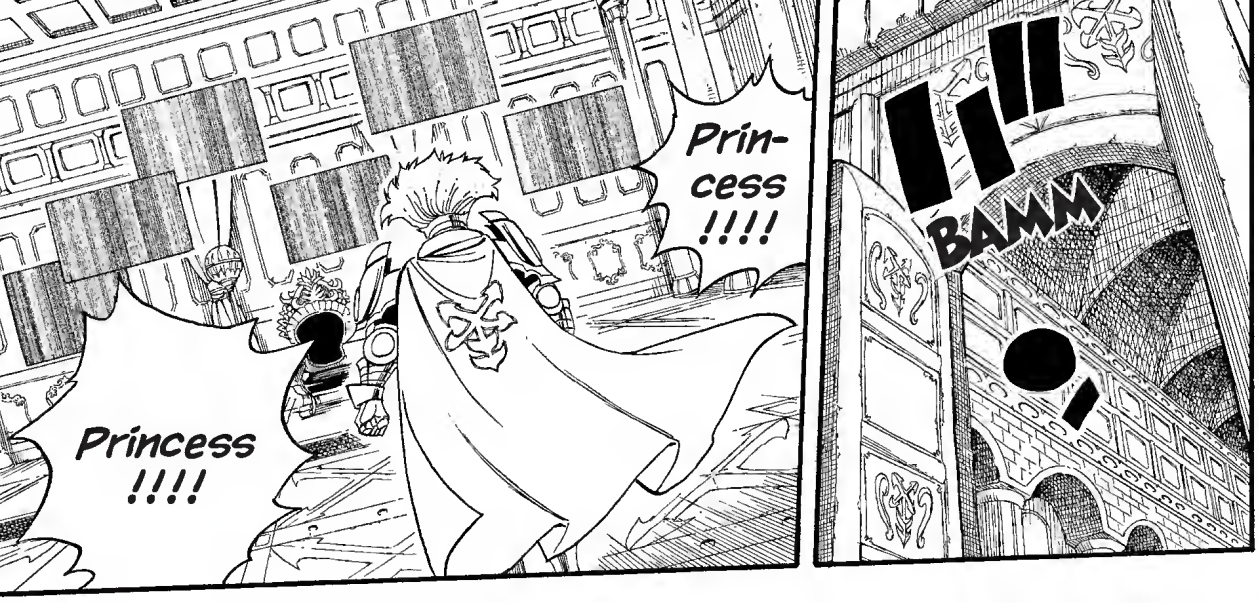

Lecter !!!
Aaah !!!!

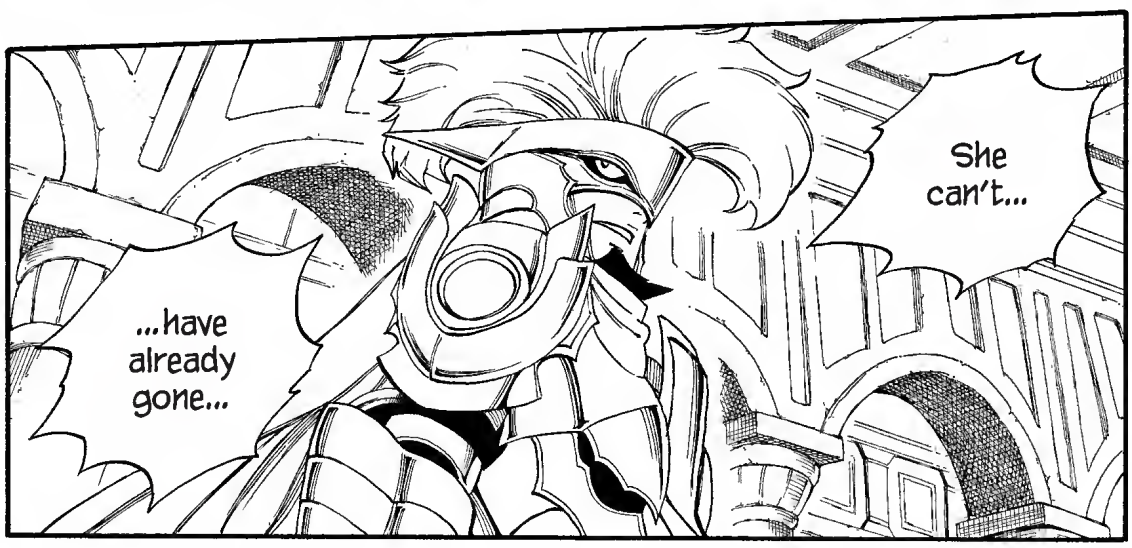

Sting-kun!!!
Sting-kun!!!!

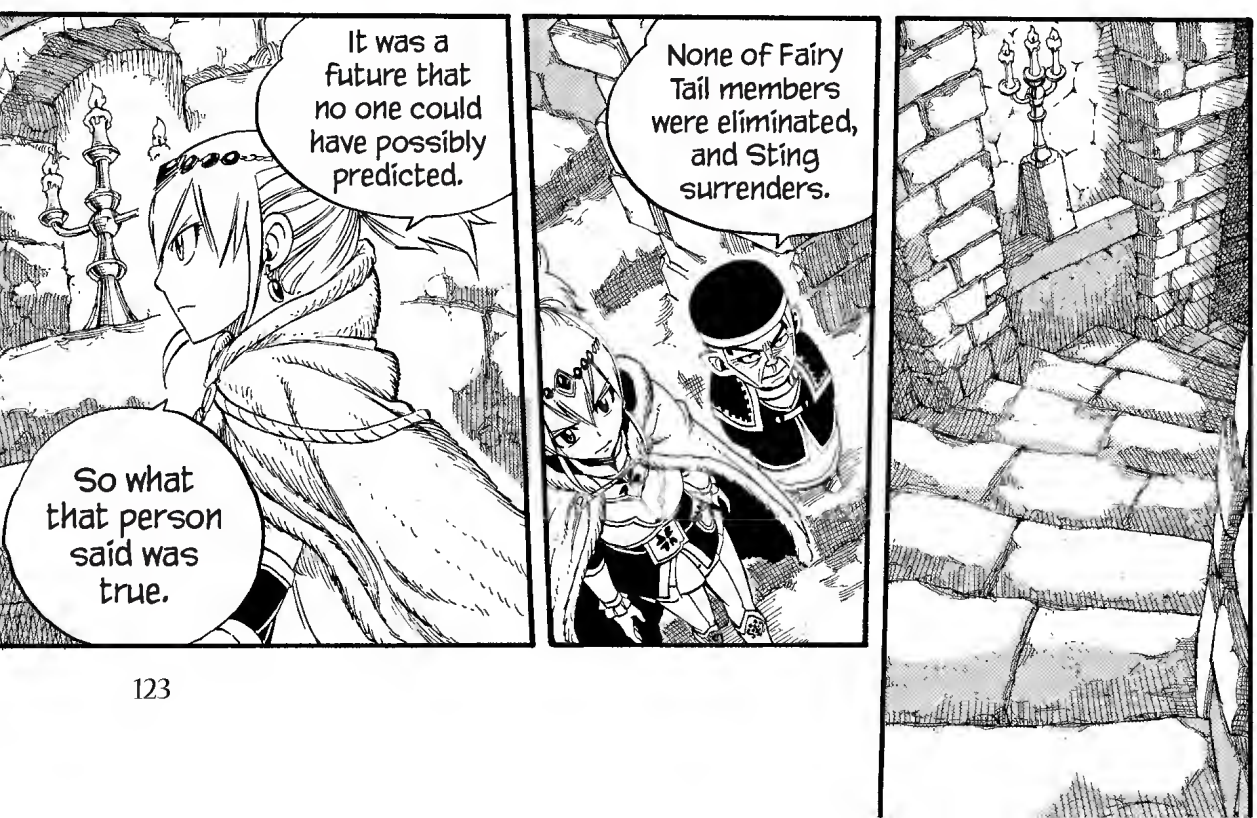







Princess !!!!
Princess !!!!
!!!
BAMM


She can't...
...have already gone...


It was a future that no one could have possibly predicted.
So what that person said was true.
None of Fairy Tail members were eliminated, and Sting surrenders.

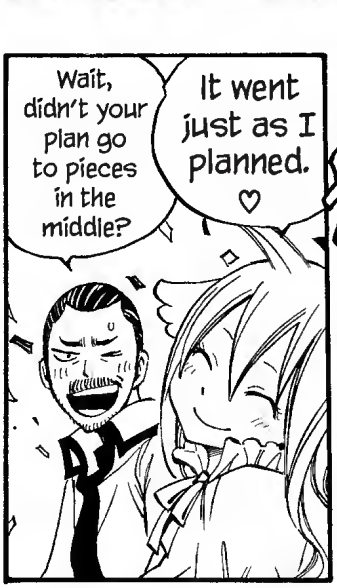
RUMMBLE
The future that was foretold *will* come to be!
And soon a battle will begin that could wipe out humanity.
We must bring Eclipse Two... the Eclipse Cannon up to the surface.

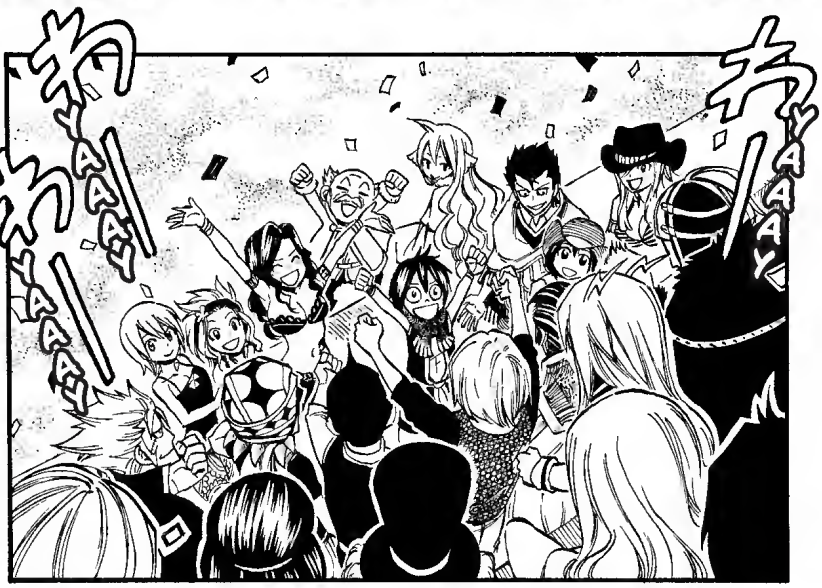
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 323:
The Shadow: There and Back Again

YAAAY
YAAAY
YAAAY
YAAAY


Wait, didn't your plan go to pieces in the middle?
It went just as I planned. ♡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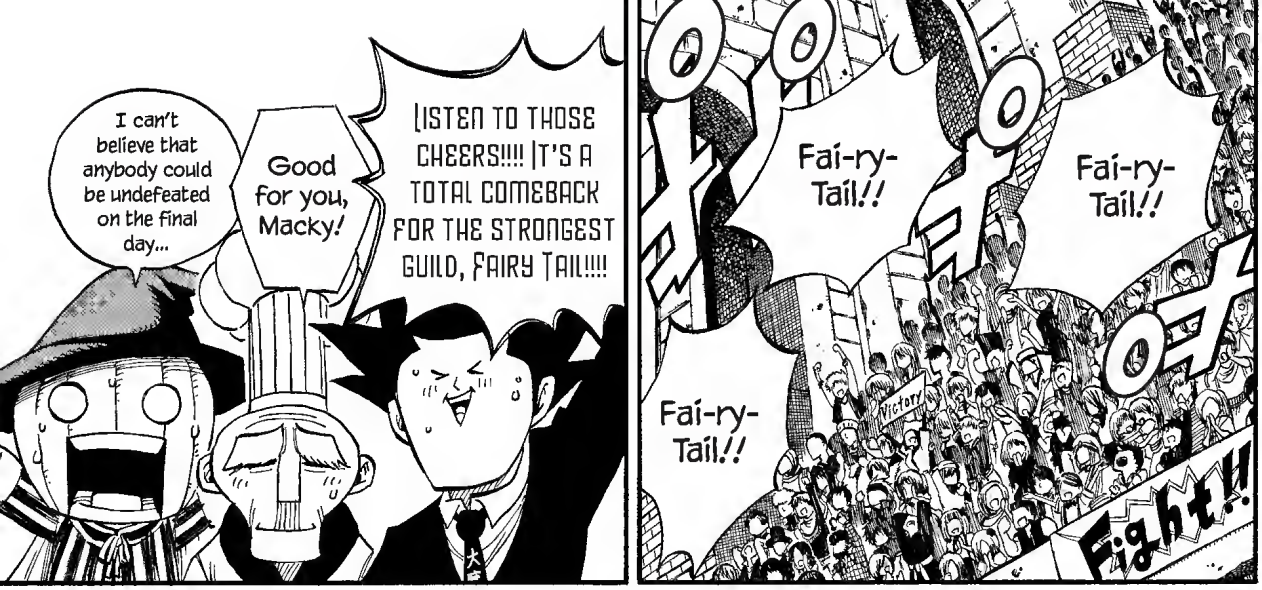
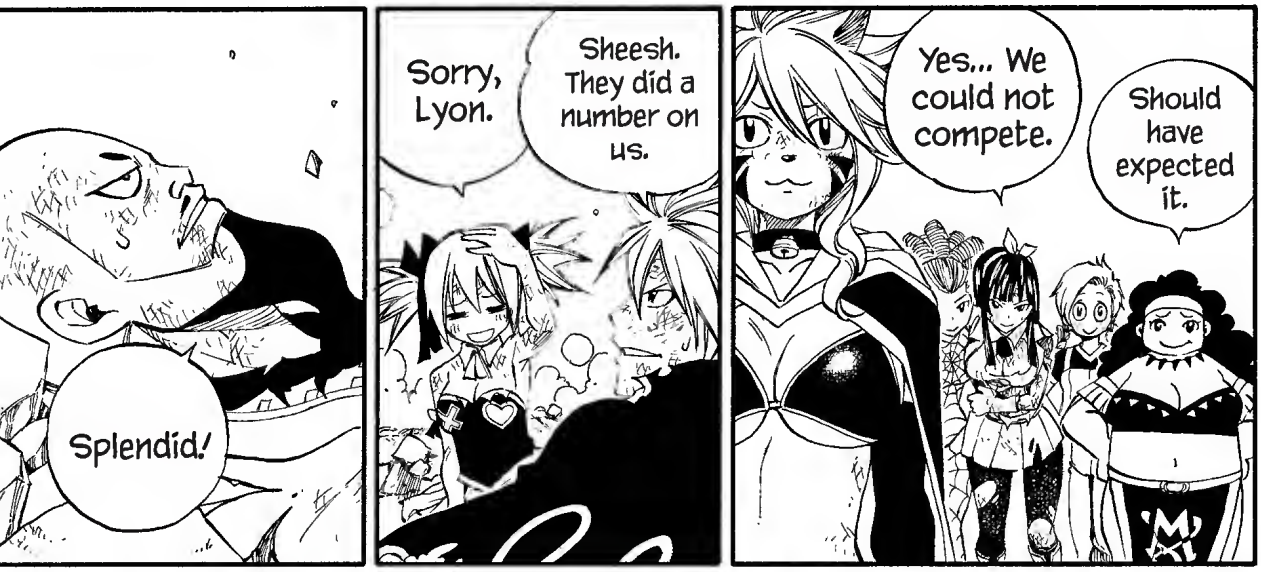

I can't believe that anybody could be undefeated on the final day...
Good for you, Macky!
LISTEN TO THOSE CHEERS!!!! IT'S A TOTAL COMEBACK FOR THE STRONGEST GUILD, FAIRY TAIL!!!!
Fai-ry-Tail!!
Fai-ry-Tail!!
Fai-ry-Tail!!
Victory
Fight!!

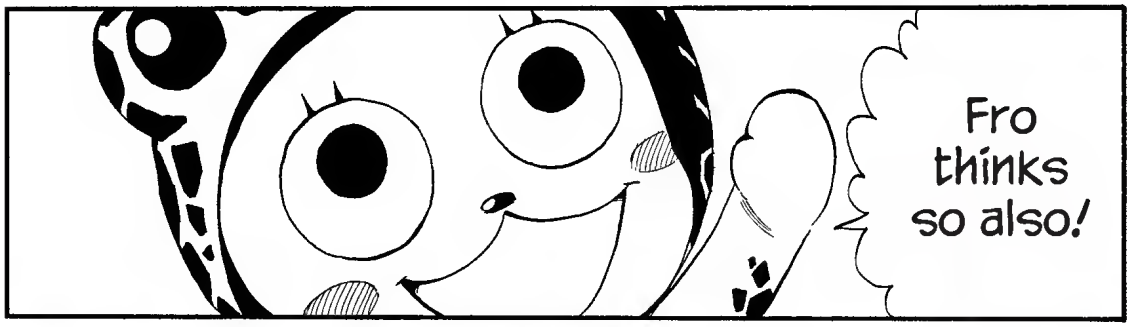

Splendid!
Sorry, Lyon.
Sheesh. They did a number on us.
Yes... We could not compete.
Should have expected it.

YAAY
YAAY
YAAY
YAAY
Congratu-lations on the win.
Quite a large welcome-home present.
Well, this is a fine celebration of the return of the Sirius Island group.

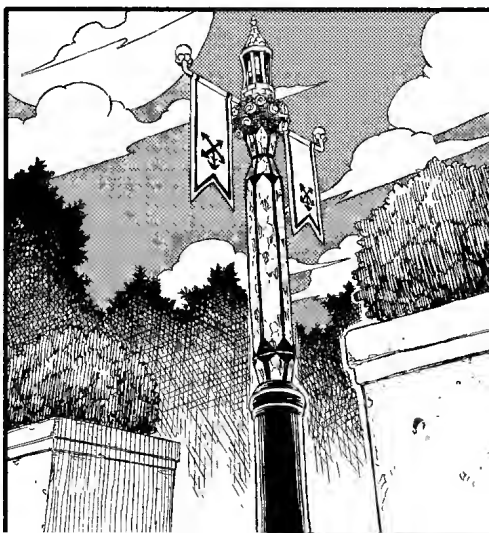
I'm on the losing side, but I've never felt so refreshed.

Yes.
Fairy Tail is amazing!

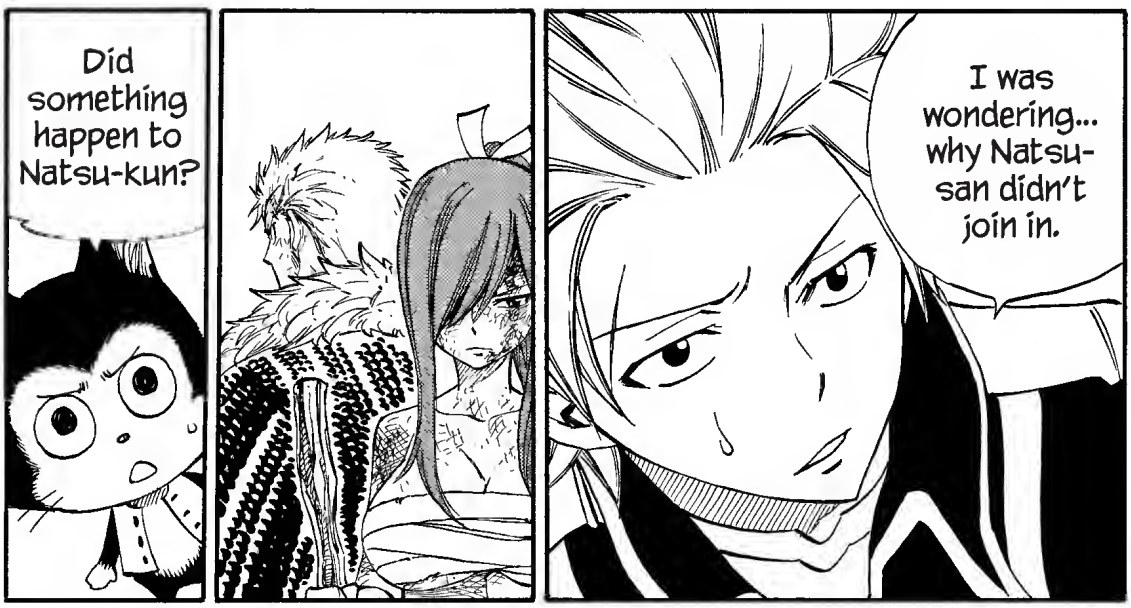
...to become a man who treats his friends right.
Frosch ...
I want...


Fro thinks so also!

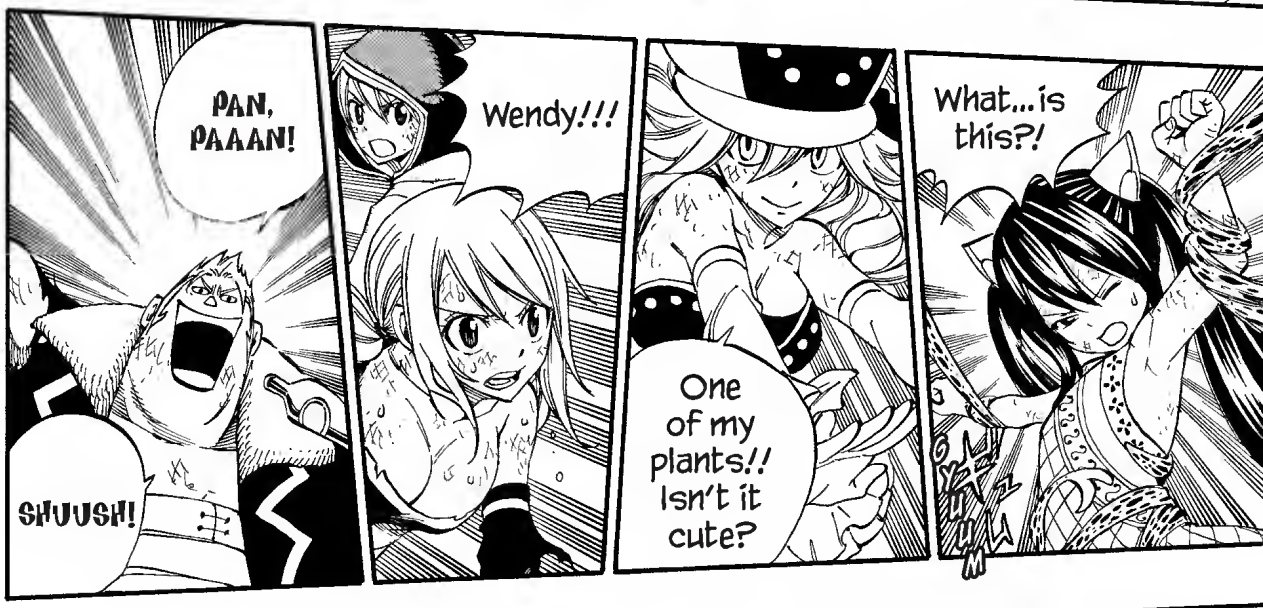
The *games* are, in any event.
It's over, huh?



Has anyone seen the signal flare?
No.
I didn't see anything.
Um... Say...
Don't make a face to bring down our mood!!
Stop that, Gajeel!
I'm not...


I was wondering... why Natsu-san didn't join in.
Did something happen to Natsu-kun?

Are you guys all right?
Natsu... Lucy...


PAN, PAAAN!
SHUUSH!
Wendy!!!
One of my plants!! Isn't it cute?
What...is this?!

I won't be able to hold out much longer!
See?! Now let's execute them!!
Dammit!! My body...
POFF

Now you made me mad!!! You're gonna get executed!!!! You're all gonna get a good execution!!!!
Give up, convicts !!!
Ta...
Tai! Tai!
WHOA!
Again ?!
WAFT ふわっ
!
CYAA!
UWAH!
ズブブ!!
ZWIM
Shadow ?
What is that?
!
ZWIM ぞぞぞ

GWAHHH !!!
EEEE!!
What is this?!!
Wagh !!

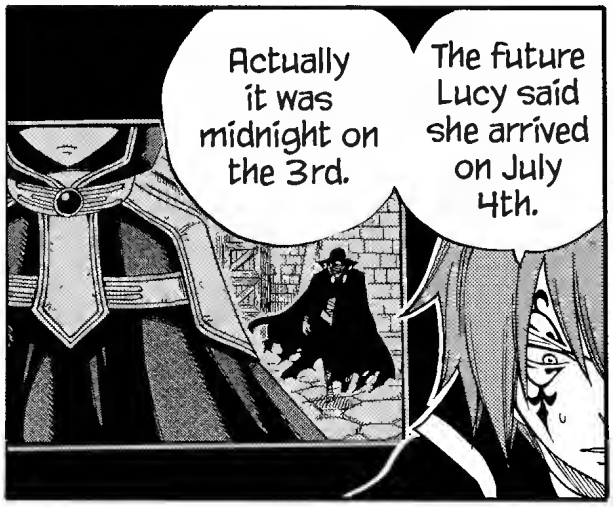
Huh?
The shadows are swallowing people up...
What is this?!

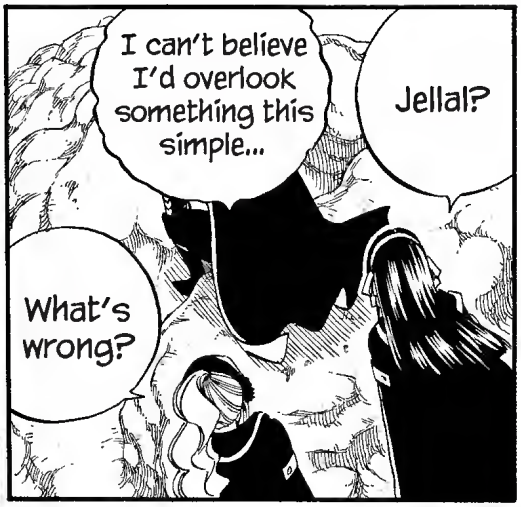
UWAAあAあAあHあH

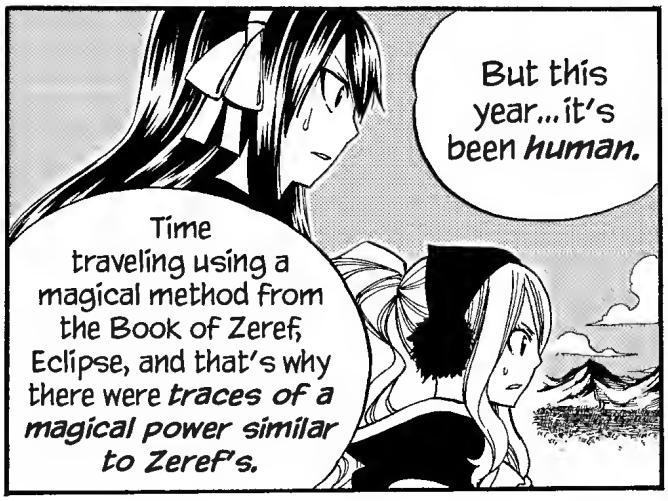
FWOOOOOMMM

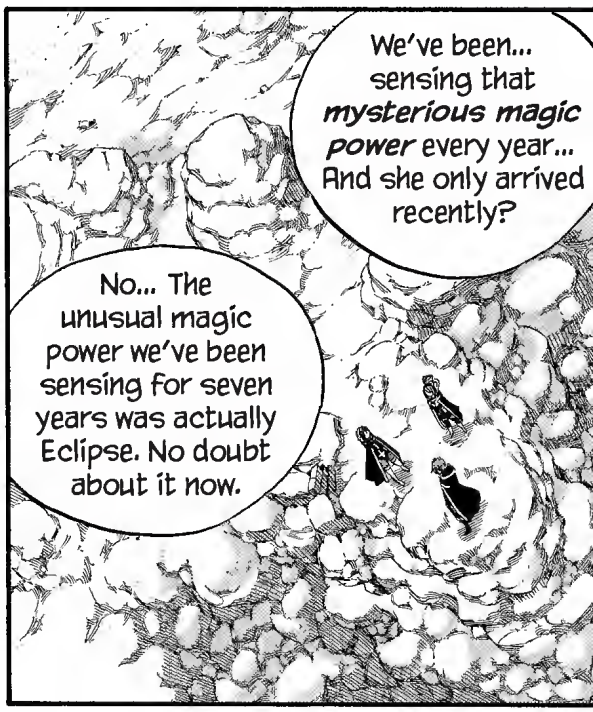
Wait... No...
What *is* this...
AAAAAA
PAAN!
Tai!
...
What just happened?!

!!


Actually it was midnight on the 3rd.
The future Lucy said she arrived on July 4th.

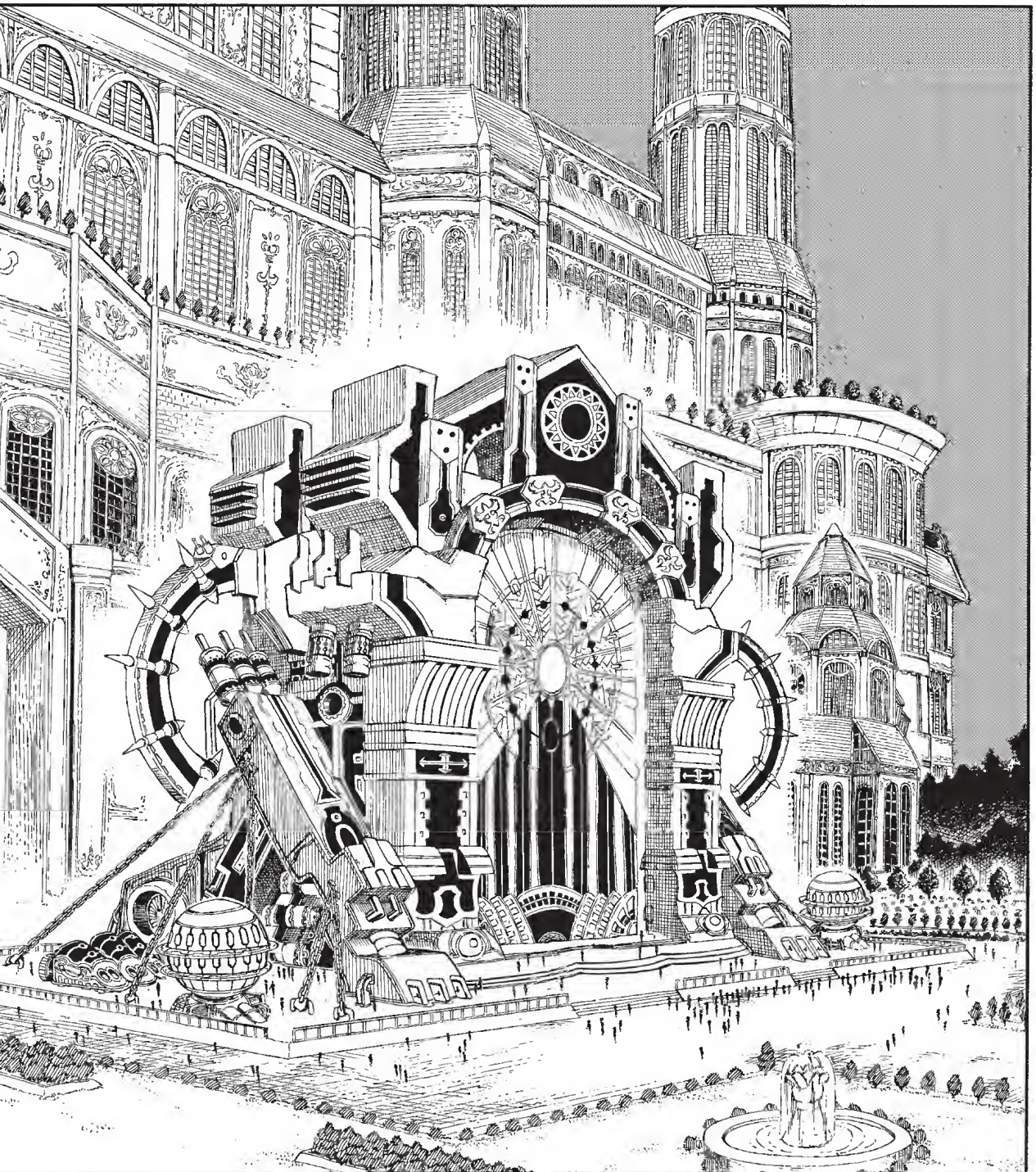

I can't believe I'd overlook something this simple...
Jellal?
What's wrong?


But this year... it's been *human.*
Time traveling using a magical method from the Book of Zeref, Eclipse, and that's why there were *traces of a magical power similar to Zeref's.*

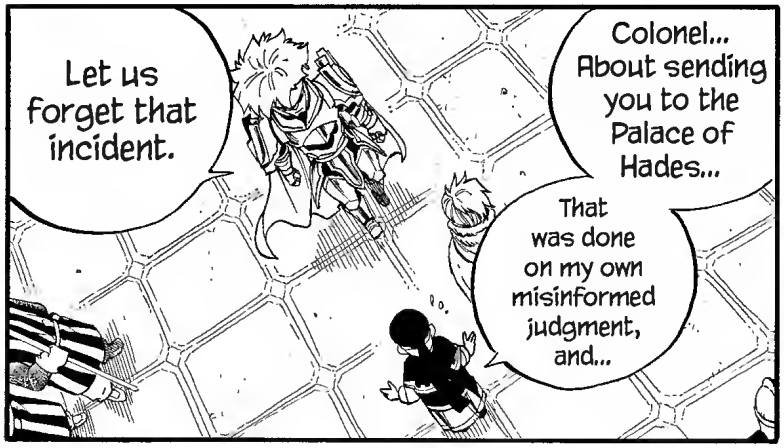

We've been... sensing that *mysterious magic power* every year... And she only arrived recently?
No... The unusual magic power we've been sensing for seven years was actually Eclipse. No doubt about it now.

...Lucy only arrived on the night of the third.
So... If we took everything future Lucy said as the truth...

Then... who was the "Lucy" that I saw around sunset on the 3rd...?
What is behind this magic...?!!
It's that one!!!
I've found the person !!!
And the one putting out that mysterious magic is right in front of m...!!

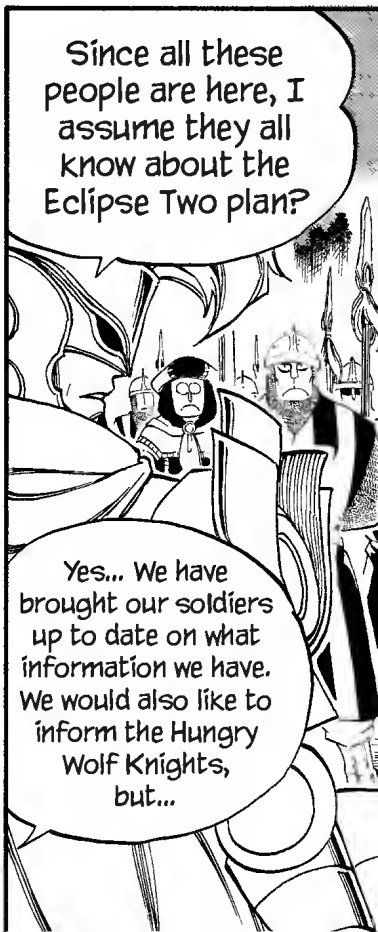


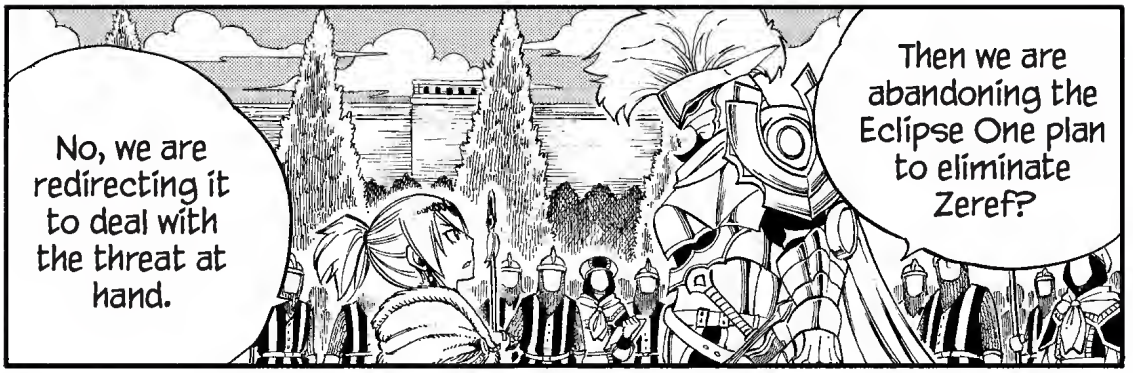
CHANK
Your Highness !!
CHANK
CHANK
Colonel Arcadios!

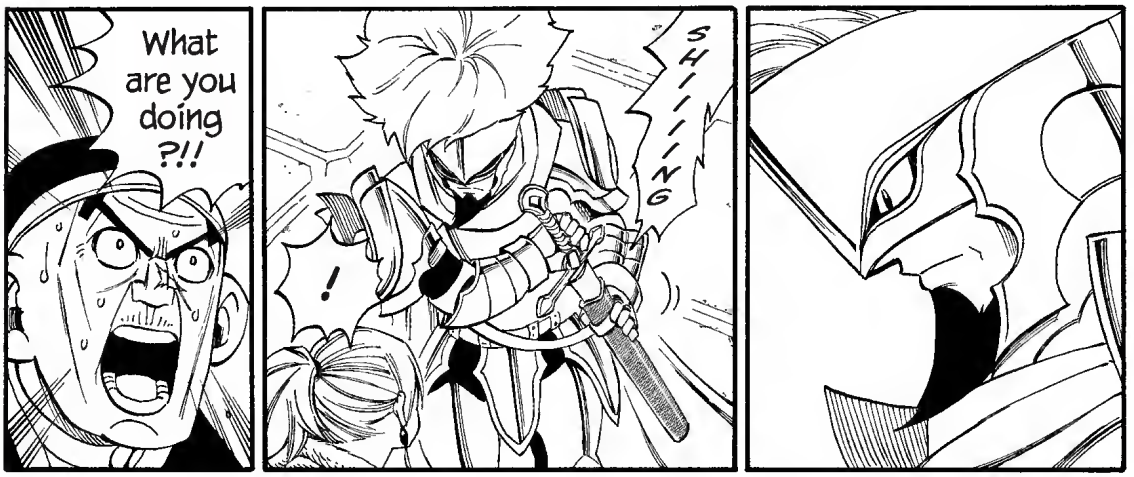

Let us forget that incident.
Colonel... About sending you to the Palace of Hades...
That was done on my own misinformed judgment, and...

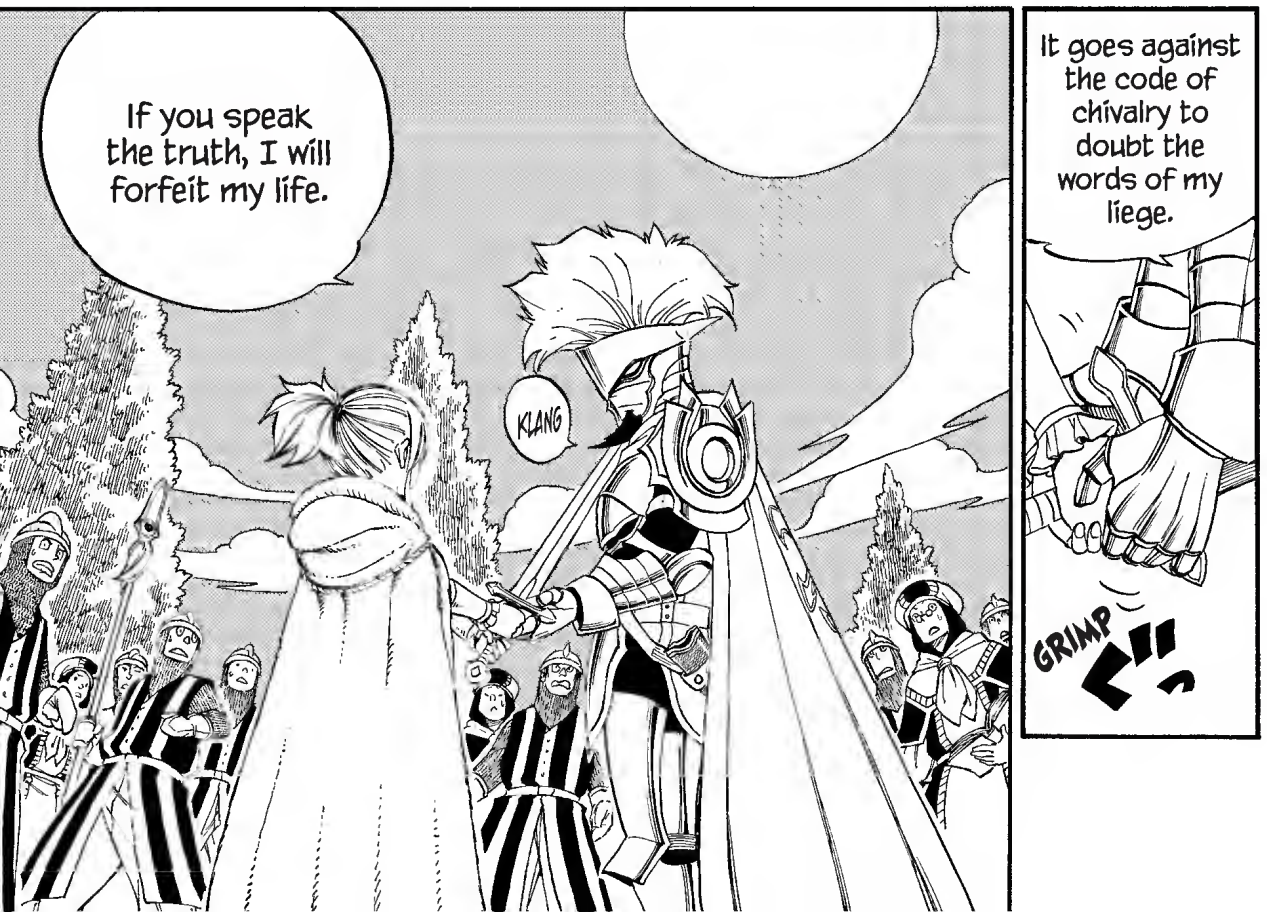
You're all right!
Urk!

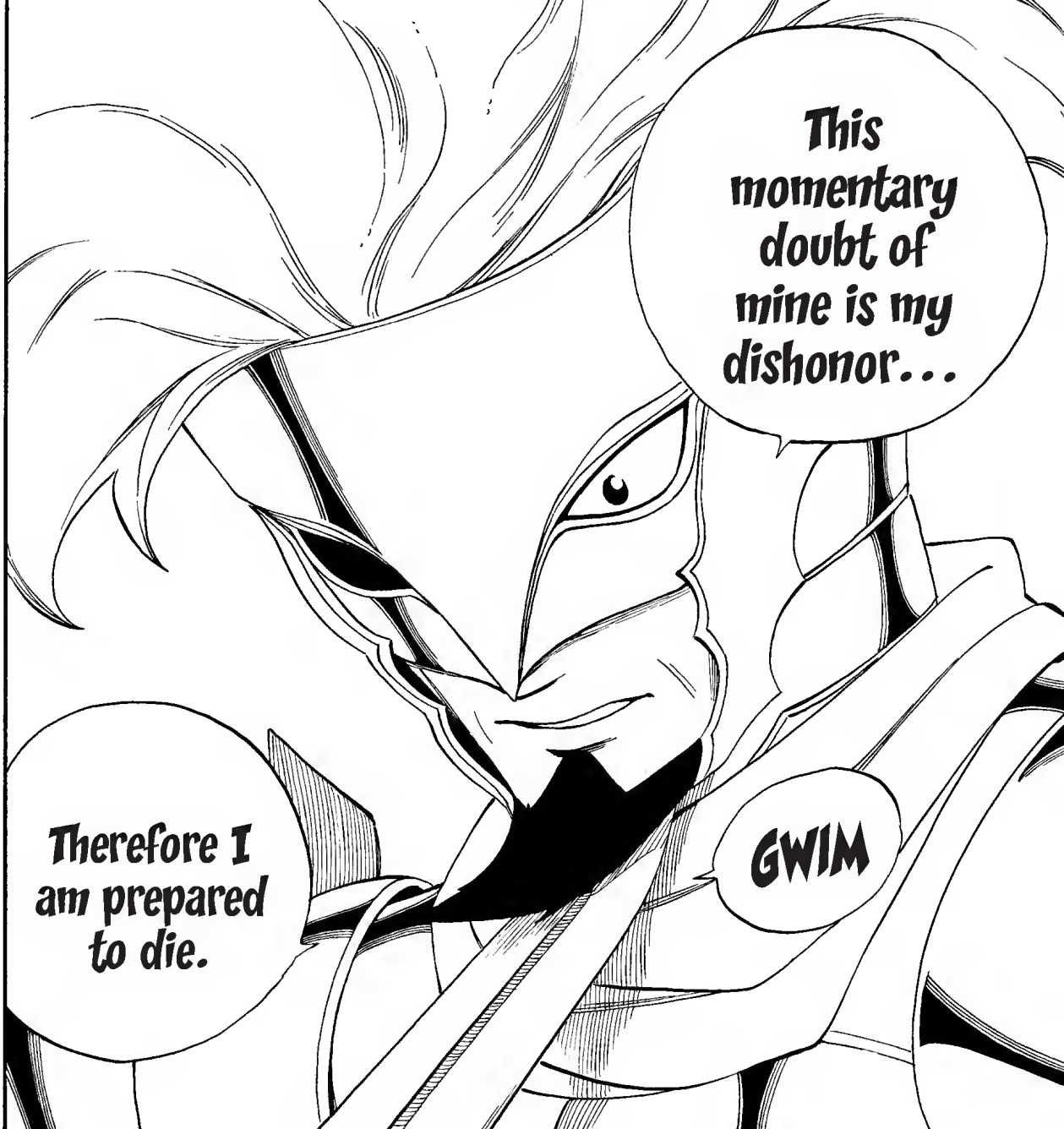
So now, we will proceed with the Eclipse Two Plan.
What the person from the future said is true.

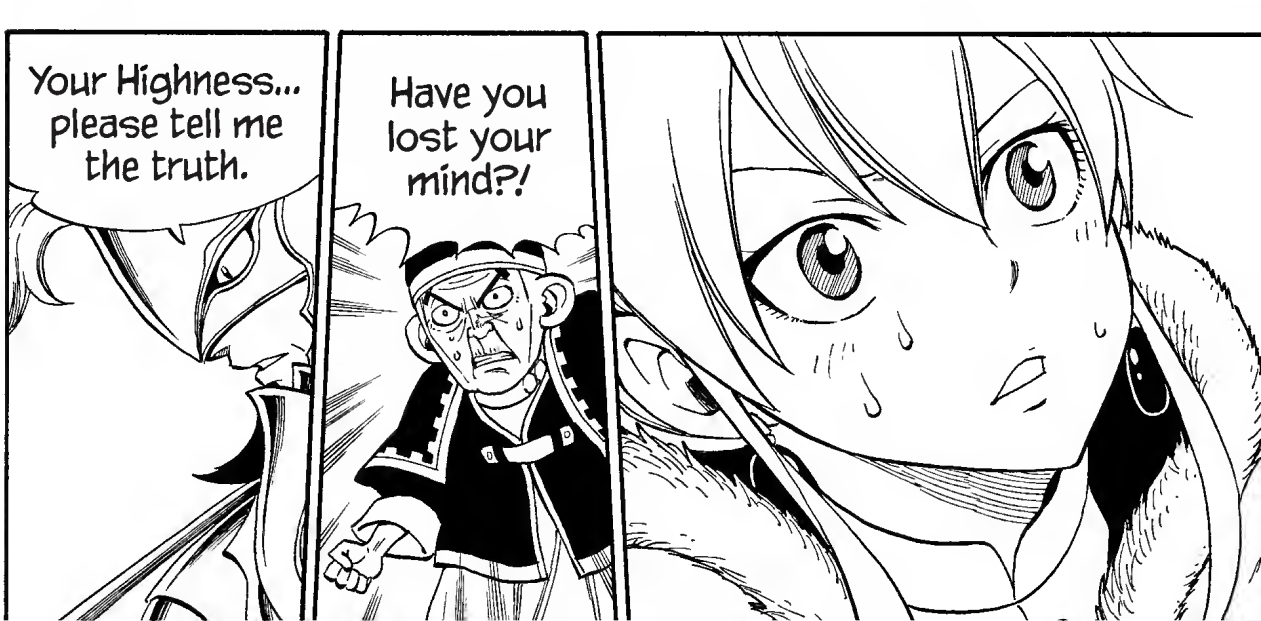

Since all these people are here, I assume they all know about the Eclipse Two plan?
Yes... We have brought our soldiers up to date on what information we have. We would also like to inform the Hungry Wolf Knights, but...


No, we are redirecting it to deal with the threat at hand.
Then we are abandoning the Eclipse One plan to eliminate Zeref?

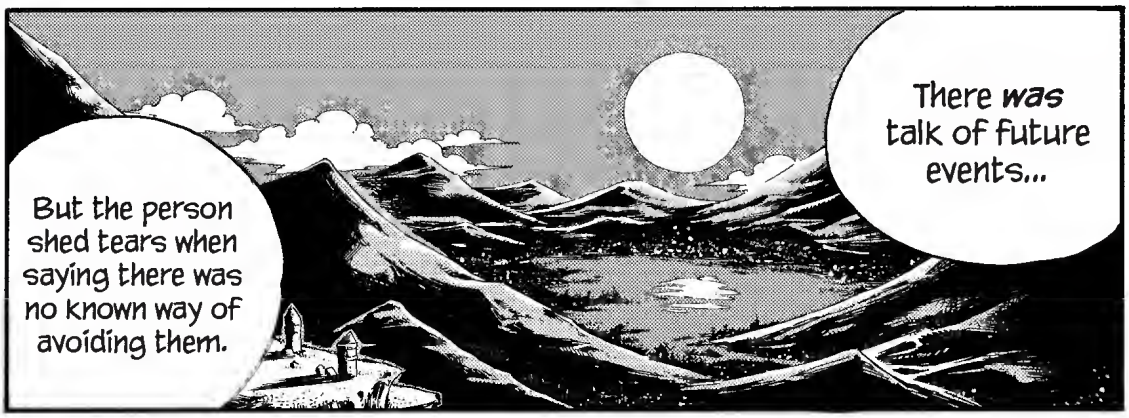

What are you doing ?!!
SHI—ING
!

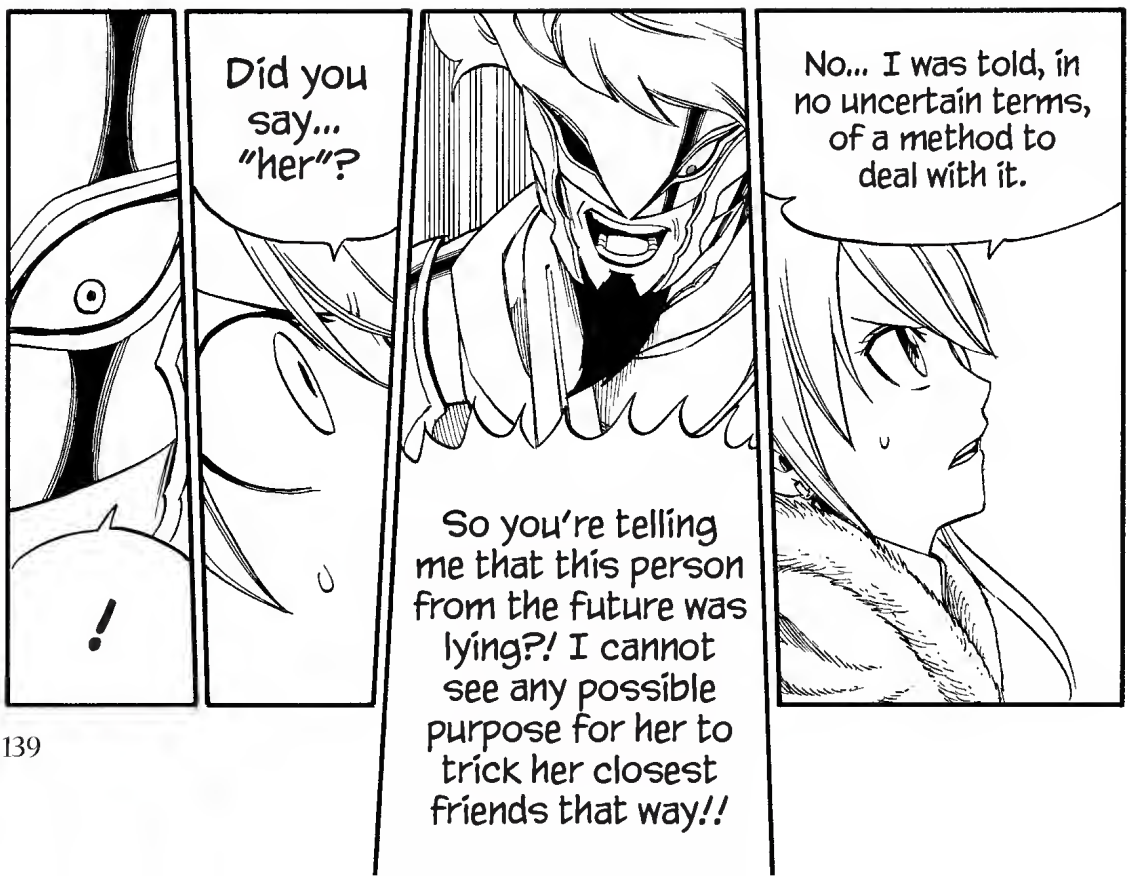

If you speak the truth, I will forfeit my life.
KLANG
It goes against the code of chivalry to doubt the words of my liege.
GRIMP


This momentary doubt of mine is my dishonor...
GWIM
Therefore I am prepared to die.


Your Highness... please tell me the truth.
Have you lost your mind?!

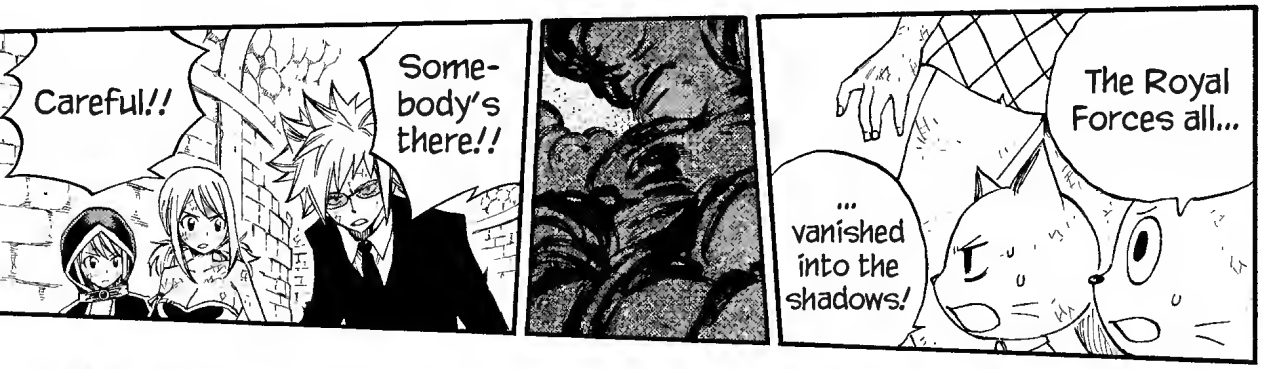
Colonel Arcadios, what is this about...?
I have met this person from the future of whom you spoke.
And that person knew nothing of the Eclipse 2 Plan.

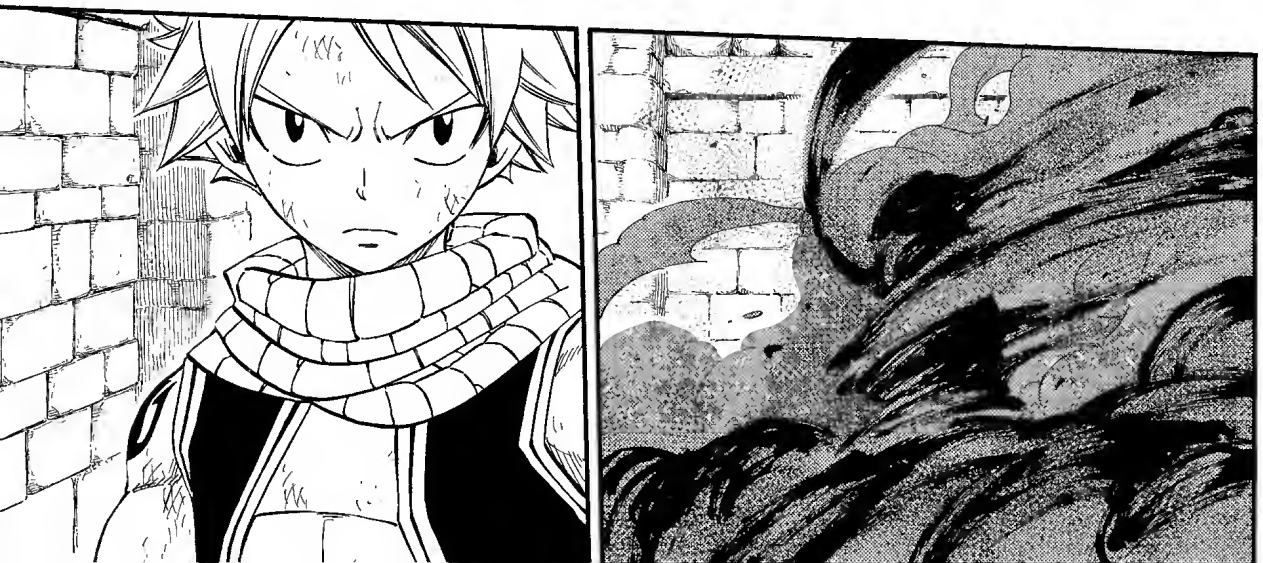

There *was* talk of future events...
But the person shed tears when saying there was no known way of avoiding them.


No... I was told, in no uncertain terms, of a method to deal with it.
Did you say... "her"?
!
So you're telling me that this person from the future was lying?! I cannot see any possible purpose for her to trick her closest friends that way!!

The one who warned me of the coming future...
...was a man!!
The one who I saw on the evening of the 3rd was not Lucy!!!
There is someone else!!!

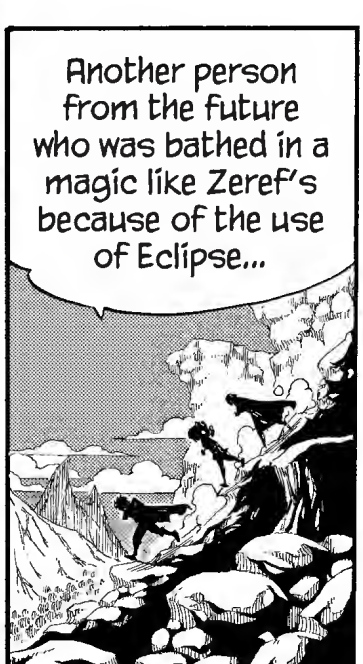
Someone else came back from the future...!!!!


Careful!!
Some-body's there!!
The Royal Forces all...
...vanished into the shadows!



Who are you?!

Lucy came back trying to save the future...


Another person from the future who was bathed in a magic like Zeref's because of the use of Eclipse...

One more...?
What does this mean?

But why did this other one come back?!!!

SHKK
SHKK

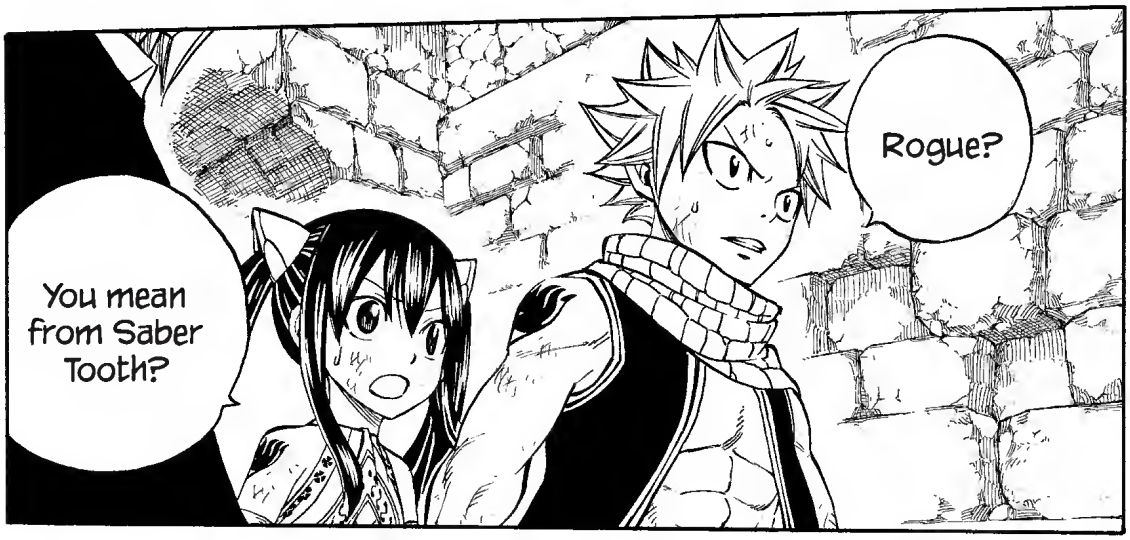
It's nice to see you after so long, Natsu Dragneel.
Or into people's hearts...?
Into the past? Or the future?
Which way do the shadows stretch?

I have come back from a time that is yet to be.
I am Rogue.

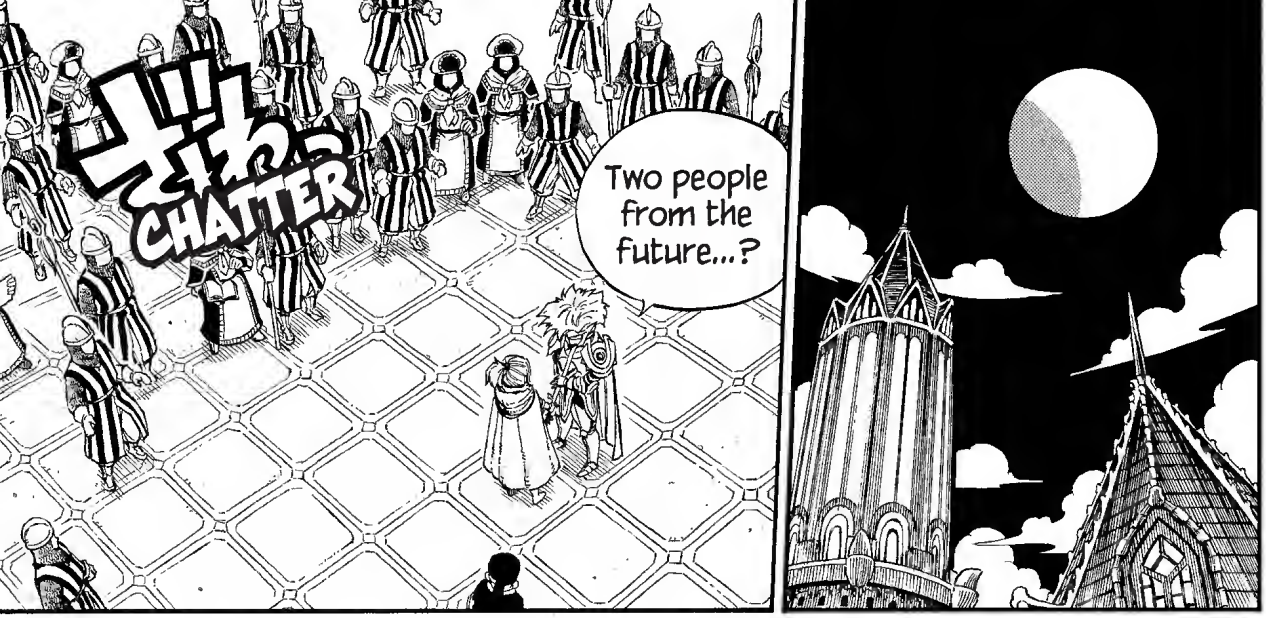
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

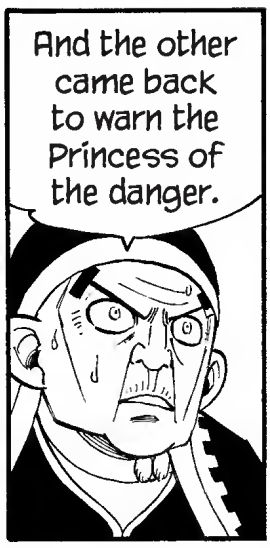
Chapter 324: One Who Would Close the Door


Rogue?
You mean from Saber Tooth?

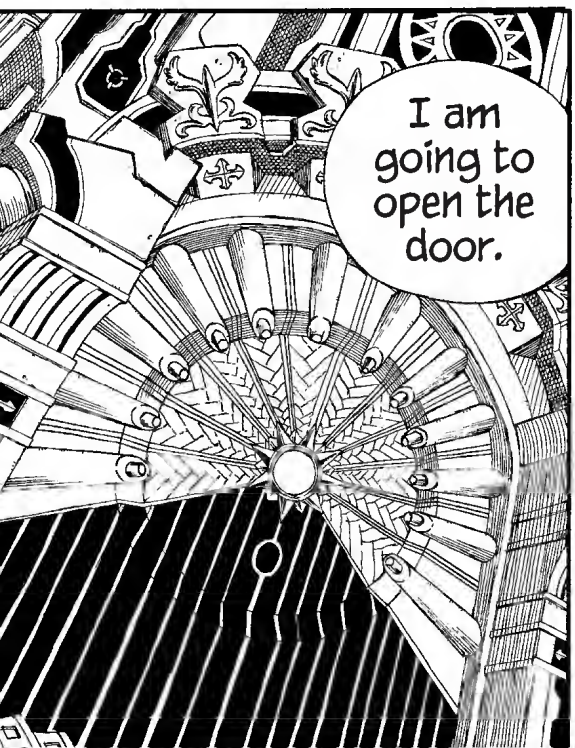
Why...?
Somebody other than me?
You're saying you come from the future?


CHATTER
Two people from the future...?

Even if there were three or four, it wouldn't surprise me.
Two with the same mission. Both came back to rescue the nation.
Huh?


And the other came back to warn the Princess of the danger.

One is Lucy.
She came back to warn her friends of the coming danger.

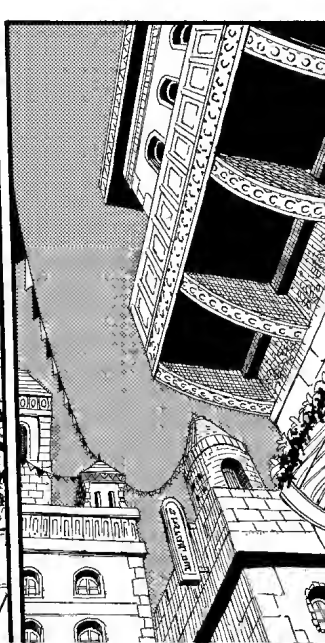

I am going to open the door.

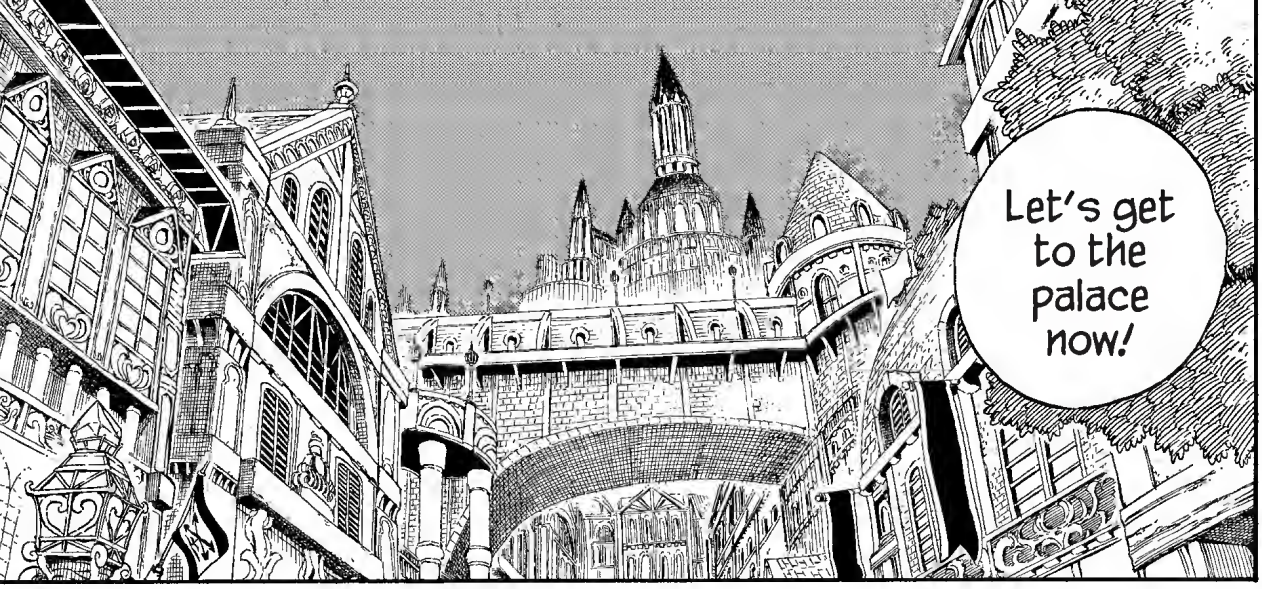
You are a knight. Turn your sword in the proper direction.

For the sake of my country...
...I will draw my own sword.

...I don't know what that one is after!

There's one more person from the future...

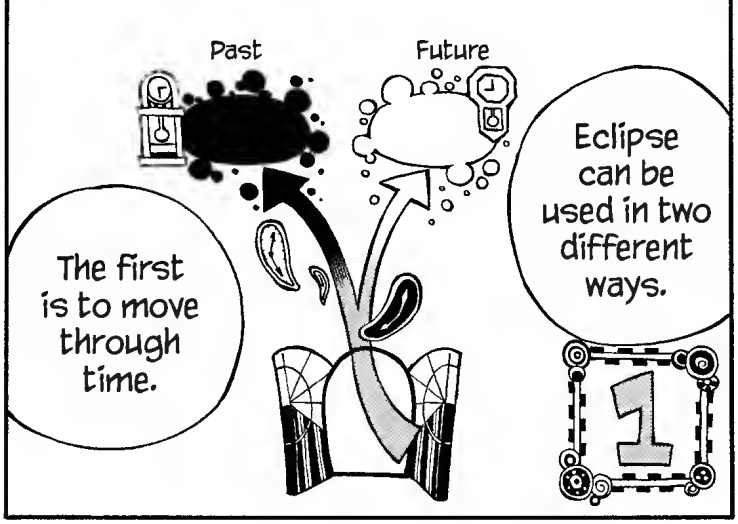


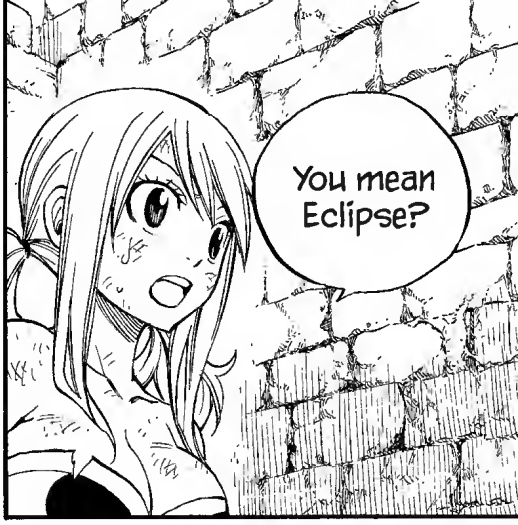

Let's get to the palace now!

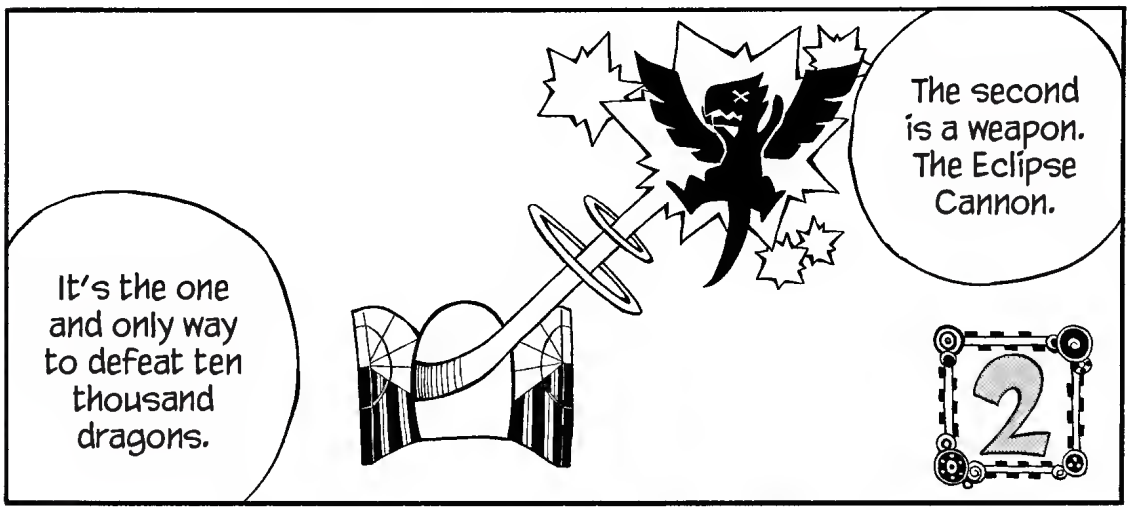
What did you come from the future for?

You've changed somehow.
You swept the Royal forces away...
...to save us?

To open...
...the door.


Past
Future
Eclipse can be used in two different ways.
1
The first is to move through time.


You mean Eclipse?


The second is a weapon. The Eclipse Cannon.
2
It's the one and only way to defeat ten thousand dragons.

You've come to save the future, right?
Yaaay! We can defeat the dragons !!!
We're on the same side, right?
Then that makes things easier.

Defeat ten thousand dragons?!!

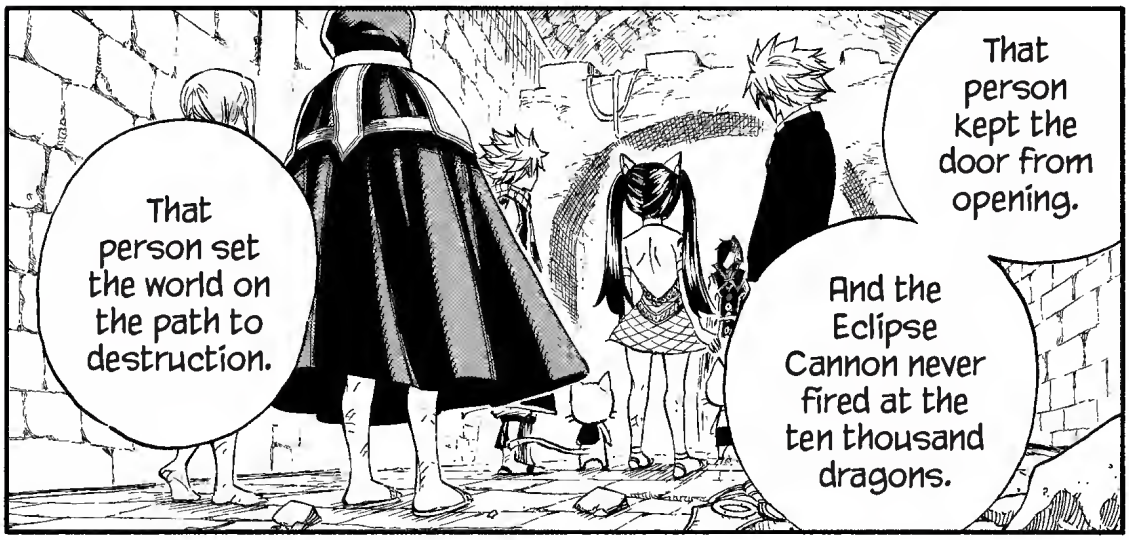
No... It isn't so simple as that.

I came from seven years in the future.
In seven years...the world will be ruled by dragons.
Not even ten percent of the humans will survive.
Of course, even Eclipse won't have the power it has in this time.

We must stop the dragons here and now.
Or our world will end.

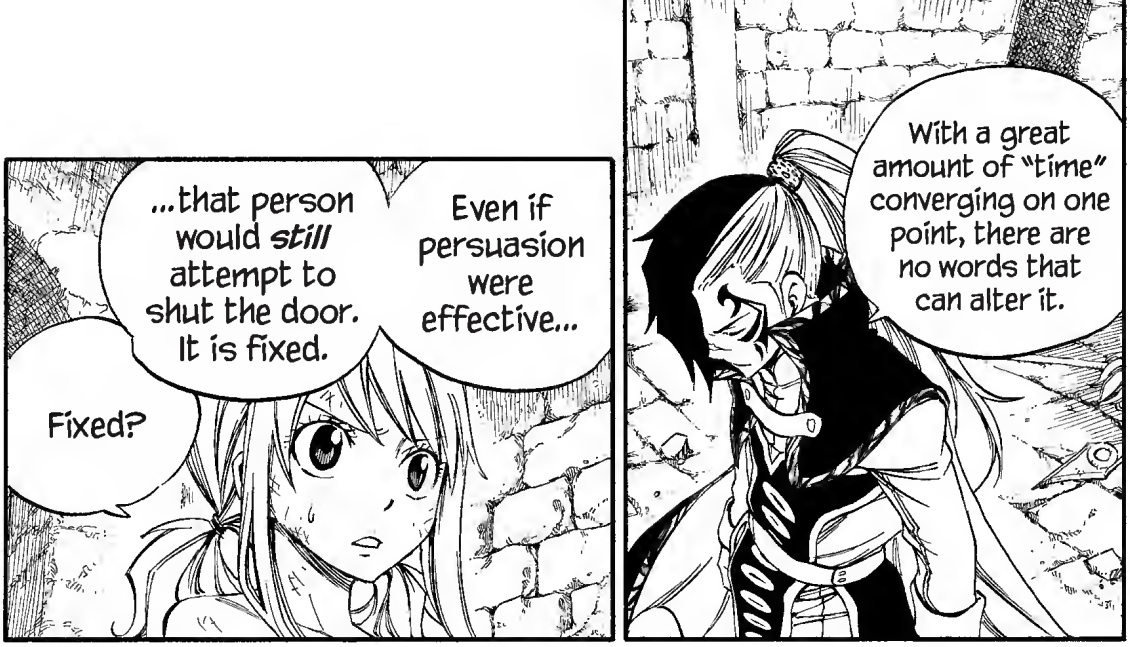
There was one who stood in the way of the door opening.
However, seven years ago... in other words, now...

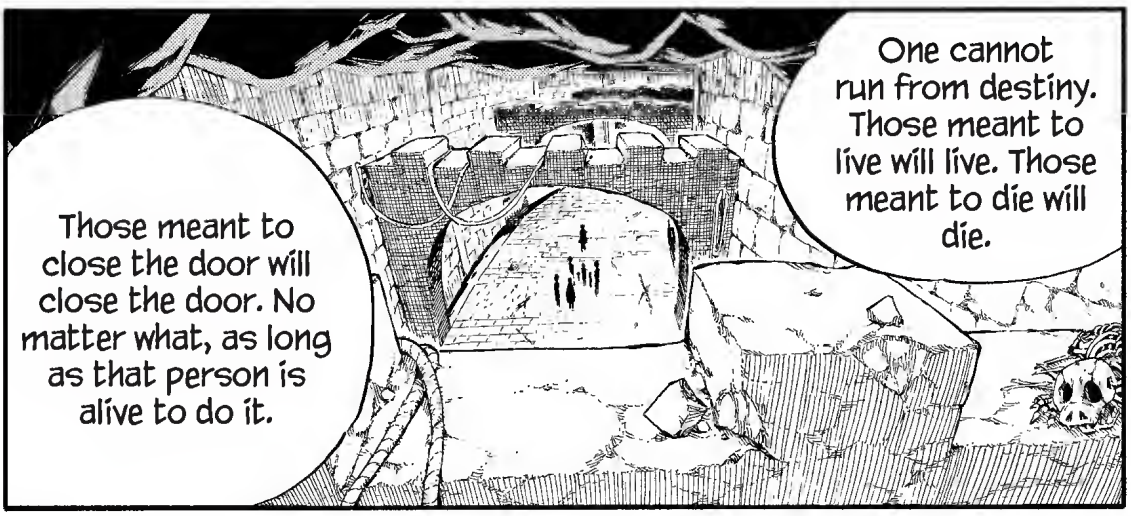
That's simple enough!
So we open the door and blow them away, right?


That person set the world on the path to destruction.
That person kept the door from opening.
And the Eclipse Cannon never fired at the ten thousand dragons.

How awful! Can't you just talk that person into not standing in your way?
There is no reason to kill anyone.

I have come back to assassinate that person.
That is why I am here.

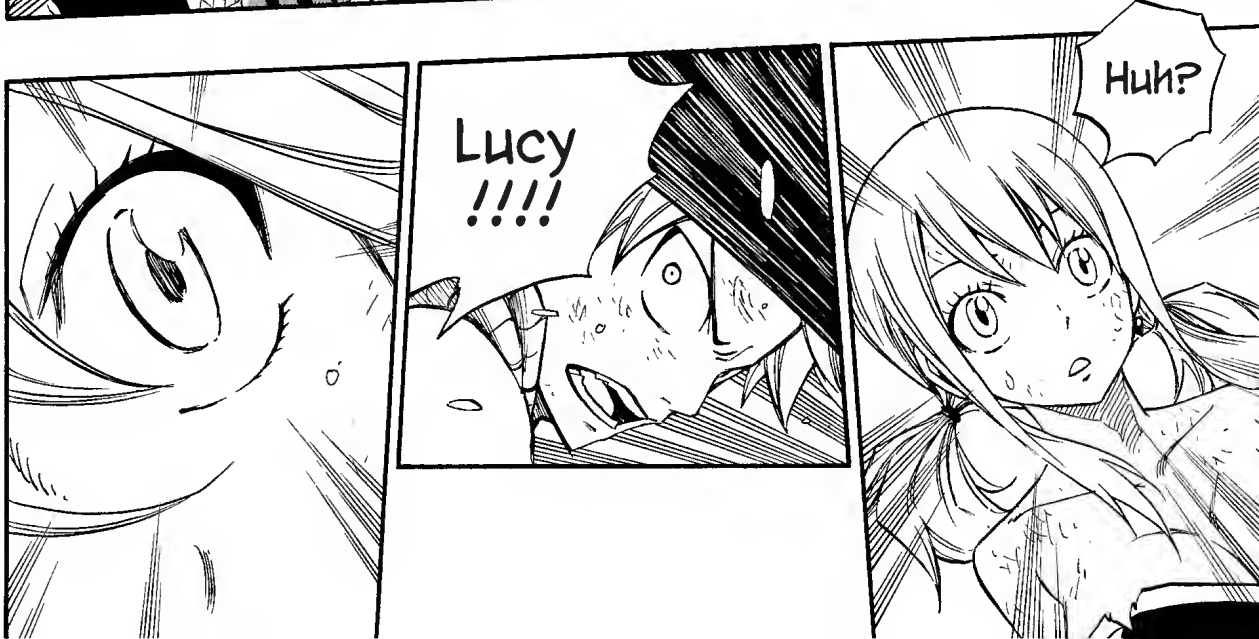

With a great amount of "time" converging on one point, there are no words that can alter it.
Even if persuasion were effective...
...that person would *still* attempt to shut the door. It is fixed.
Fixed?

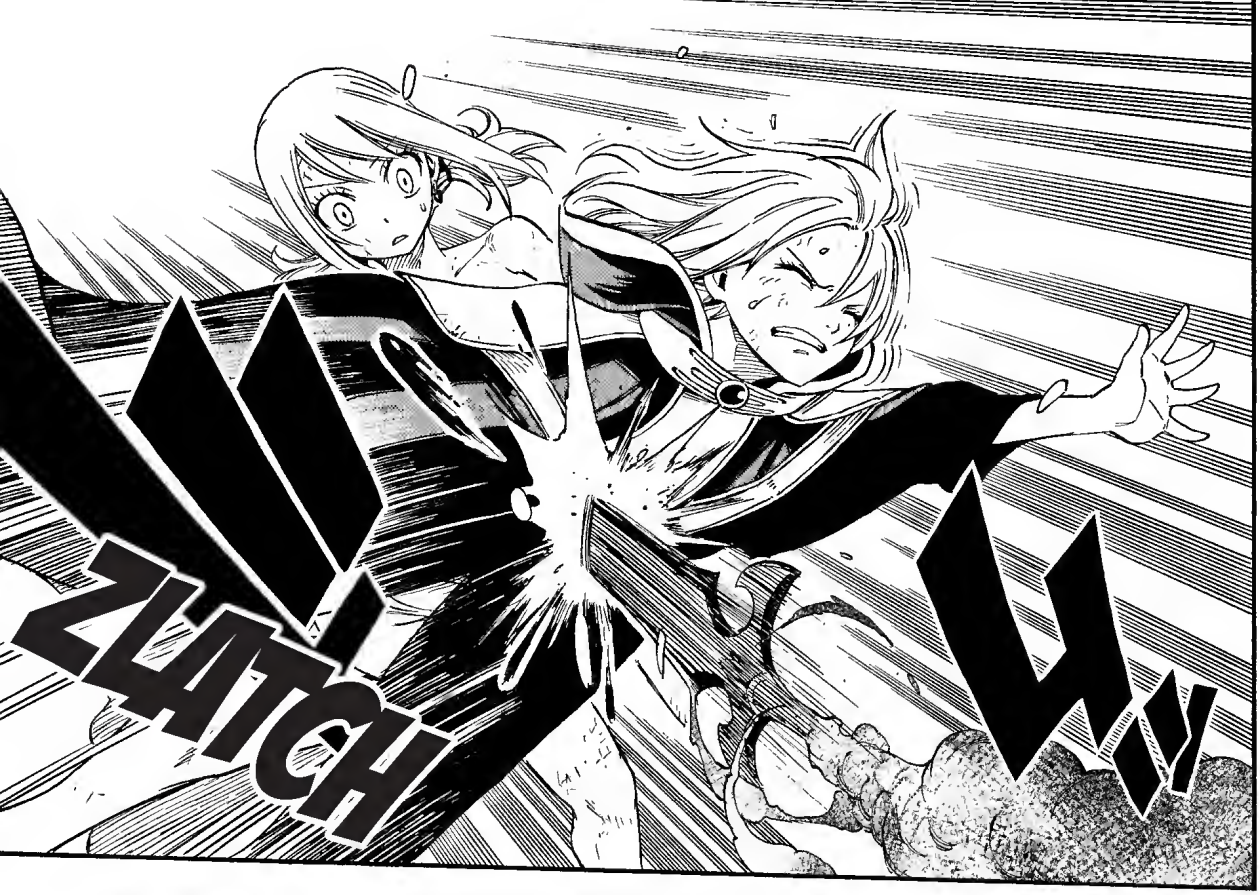

One cannot run from destiny. Those meant to live will live. Those meant to die will die.
Those meant to close the door will close the door. No matter what, as long as that person is alive to do it.

YOU!

You're not making any sense to me.
But anyway, who is that person you're talking about?

LUCY HEARTFILIA !!!!
FWOO


Lucy !!!!
Huh?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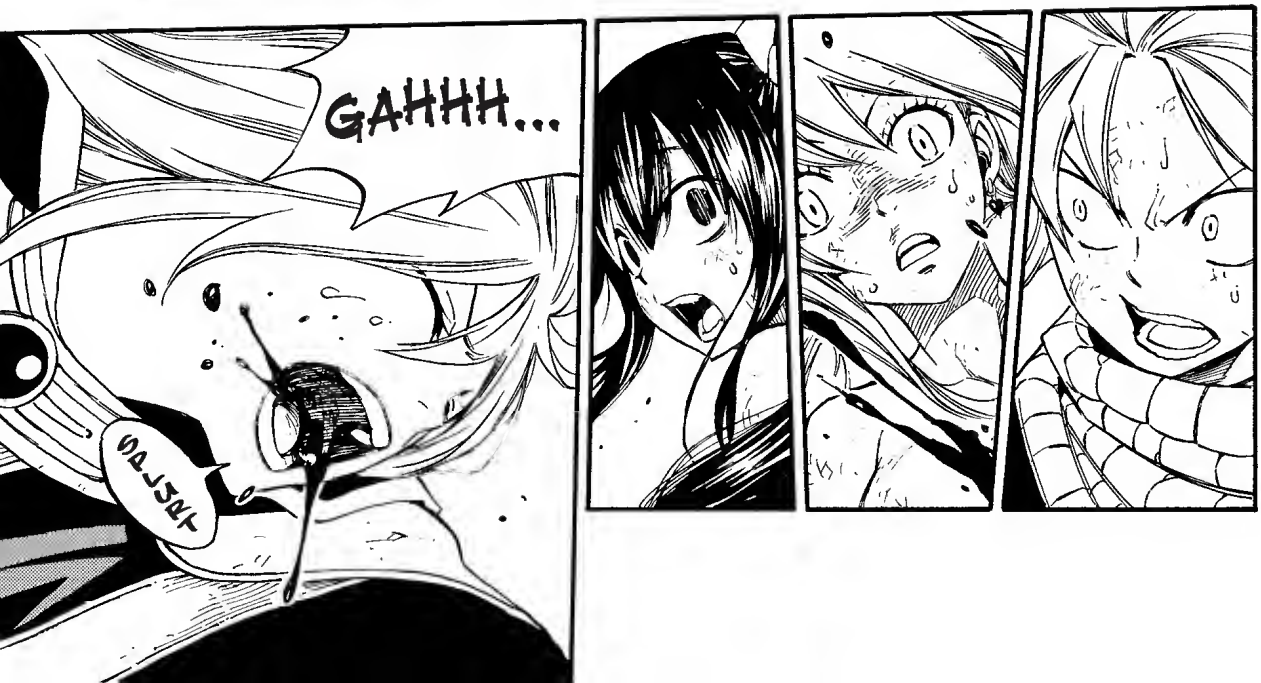
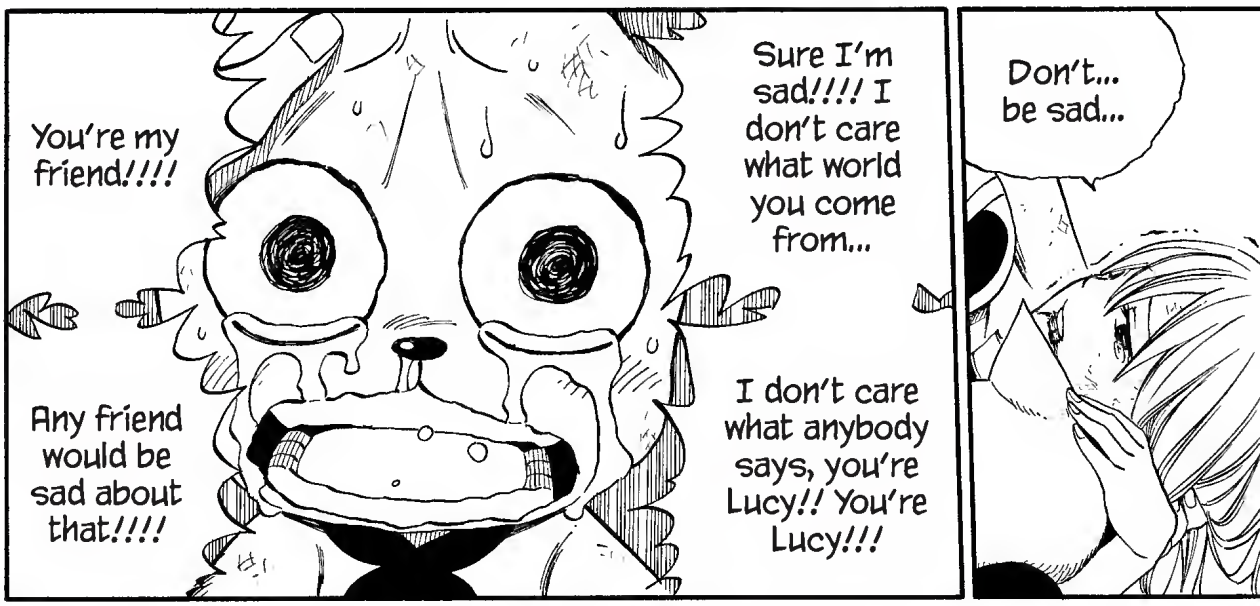
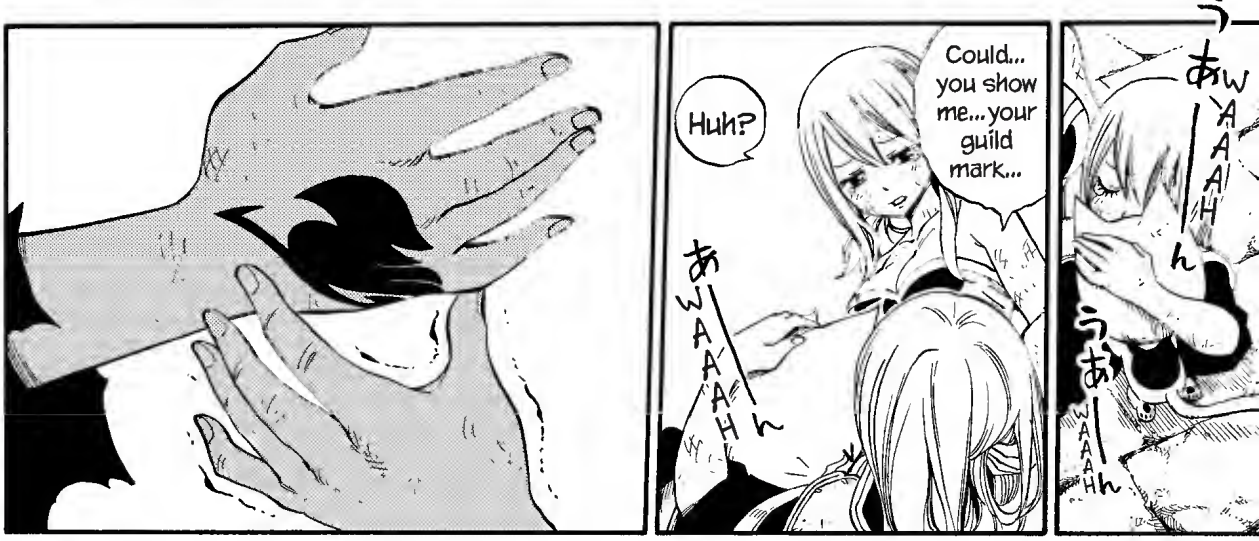

GAHHH...
ПЛЮЙ

Wait... Hey, you just...
THUD
!!!
...
Lucy !!!!
There are two Lucys?!
I know!!! I would never do it either!!!!
...the... door...
I...never... shut...
HAHH HAHH
HAHH HAHH
Hang in there!!
Lucy !!!

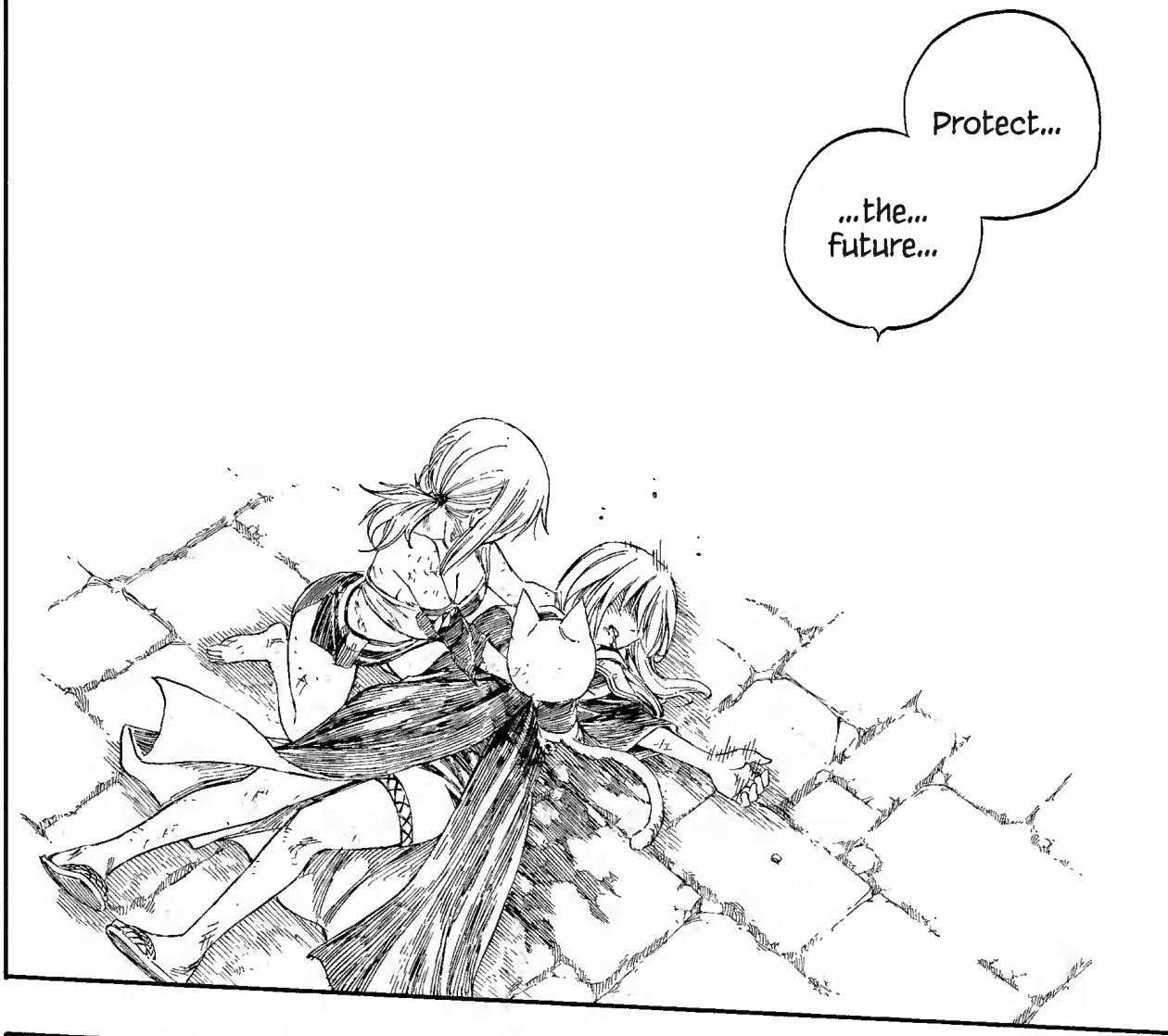
It's weird... you know...? Watching... myself... watch me... die...
If you died... I'd... vanish... any... way...
HAHH
HAHH
You are... me... in the... past...
HAHH
HAHH
Why would you protect your younger self?!
...and now I meet them... again...
People I never... thought I'd see... alive...
GLUK
GLUK
It's... all... right ...
It's weird for me too! So don't die, okay?!!
Just... that made... me... so... happy...

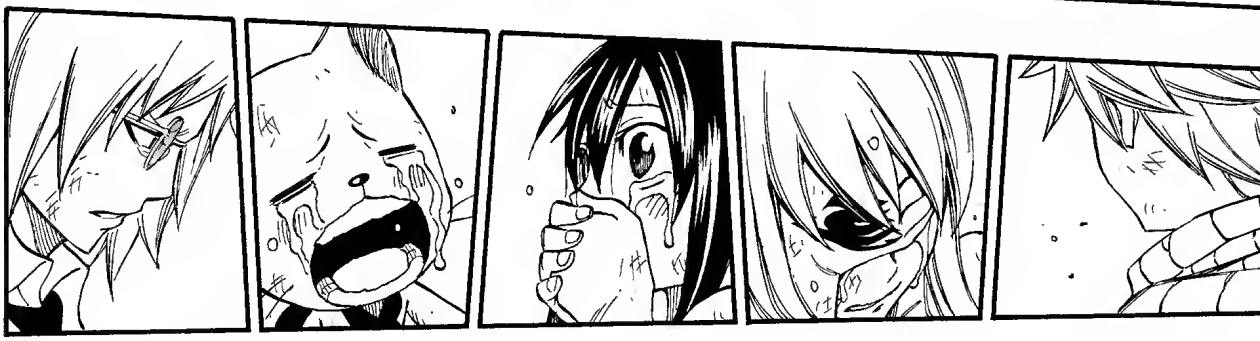
I...don't belong...to this age... No, not... even this... world...
The me...of this world... should stay... with her friends...
Lucy, no... Don't die...


You're my friend!!!!
Any friend would be sad about that!!!!
Sure I'm sad!!!! I don't care what world you come from...
I don't care what anybody says, you're Lucy!! You're Lucy!!!
Don't... be sad...


Huh?
Could... you show me...your guild mark...
あWAAAAHん
うあWAAAHん
うあWAAAHん

Your... right hand, it's...
Natsu!!! Look!!! They just gave me the Fairy Tail mark!!
I wish I could've gone on... another adven- ure...
P-P-P-P


Protect...
...the... future...



She doesn't realize she closed the door...

What about the damn door?!!!
I would never do such a thing!!!! And still you...
You don't think so ...now.
But in a few hours, you will close the door!
I will not close the door!!!!
Here you go with all that talk... What are you really after?!!
You are fated to close the door!!!
As long as you are alive...
GRIND
GRIND
The future me already said she didn't close it!!!!
And I trust myself!!!!
There is no truth in your words !!!!
Destiny has decided everything here !!!!
Then I'll burn that destiny up!!!!

BAAAUM
SKRRRRCCCH
NOBODY is going to steal Lucy's future from her!!!!!

Protect the future...
I promise you that !!!!!

FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 325: Solidarity!!!!

Lucy, get away from here!!!!
!
GRIMP
We're going to let Natsu handle things here!
But ...!!!
You're not getting away !!!
R-Right ...
You're the one he's after!!! You have to run!!!

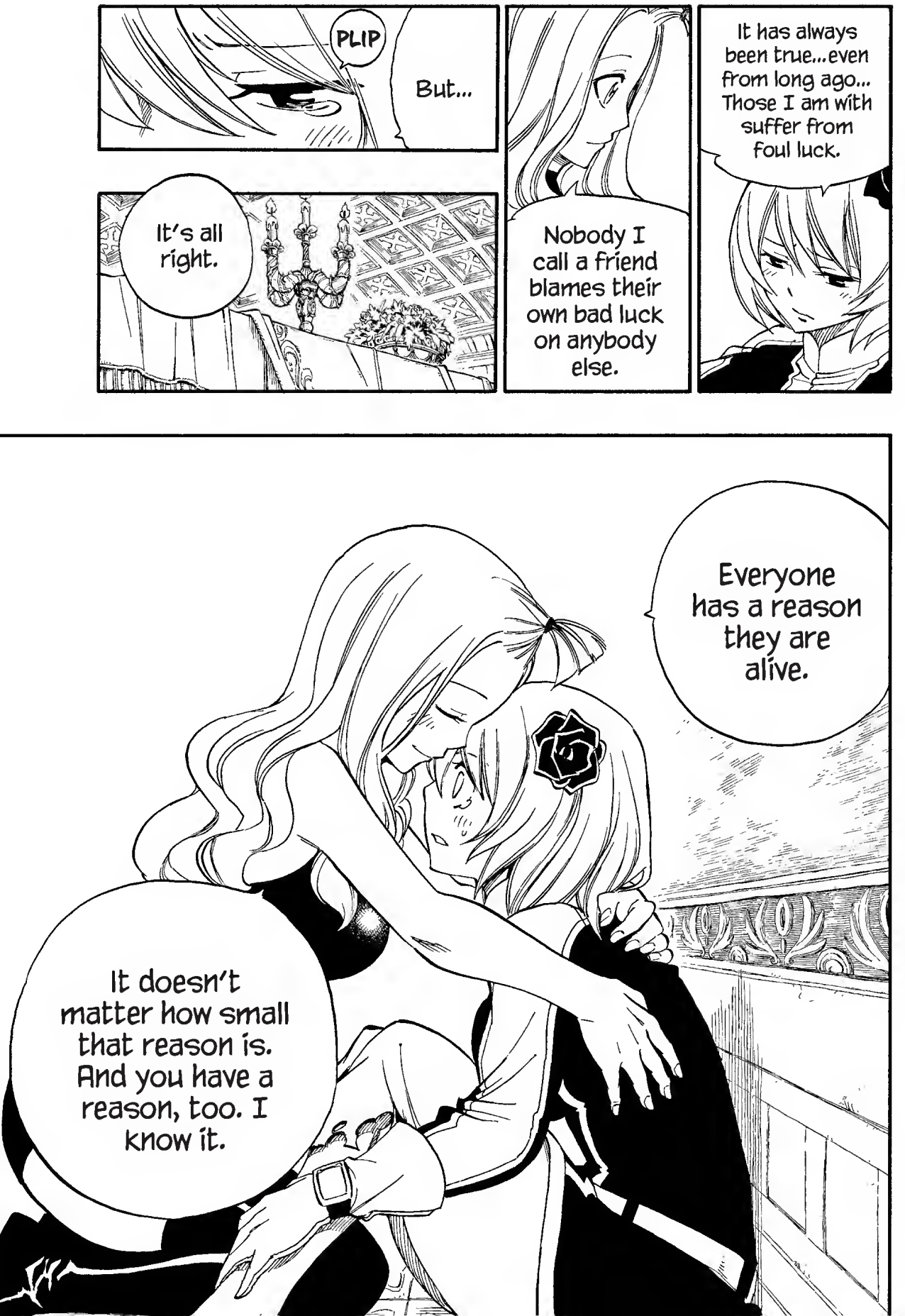
Guh!
GANCH
GRUNCH
Natsu Dragneel...
ZRRCCCH
HI

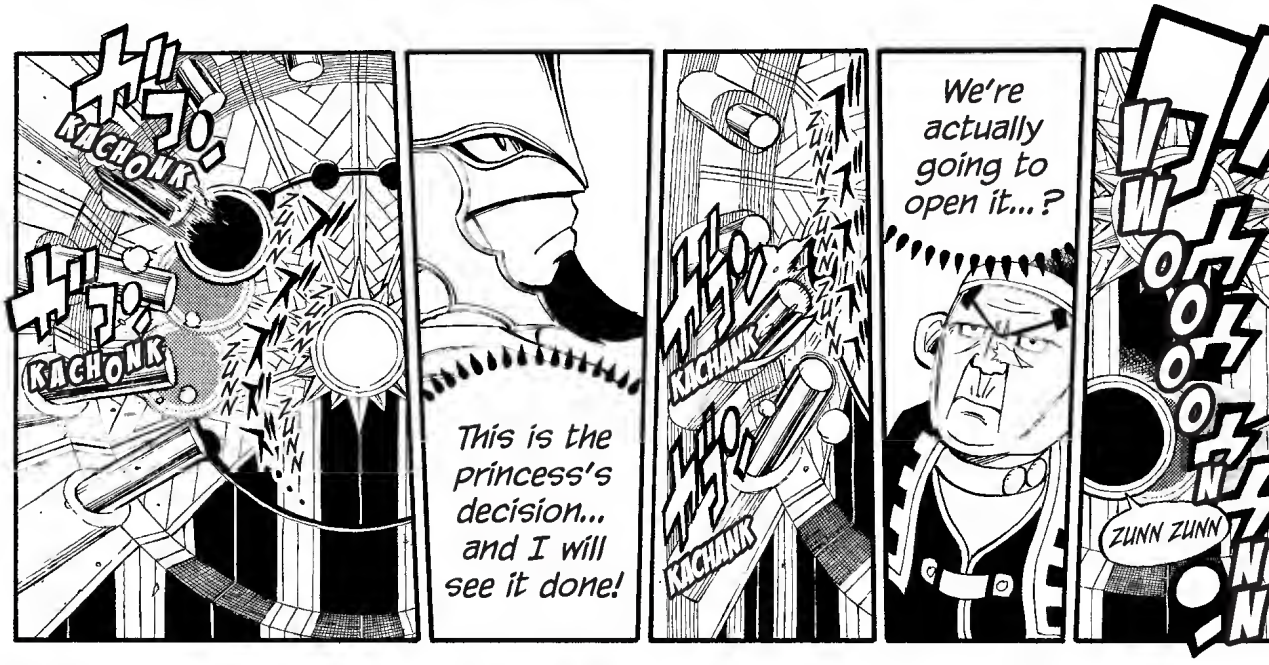
SHAAA
But no matter what happens, you are fated to be killed by a dragon.
So it will not change fate if I were to finish you off here!
I planned for the possibility that you would stand against me.
VYUUM
ヴィン

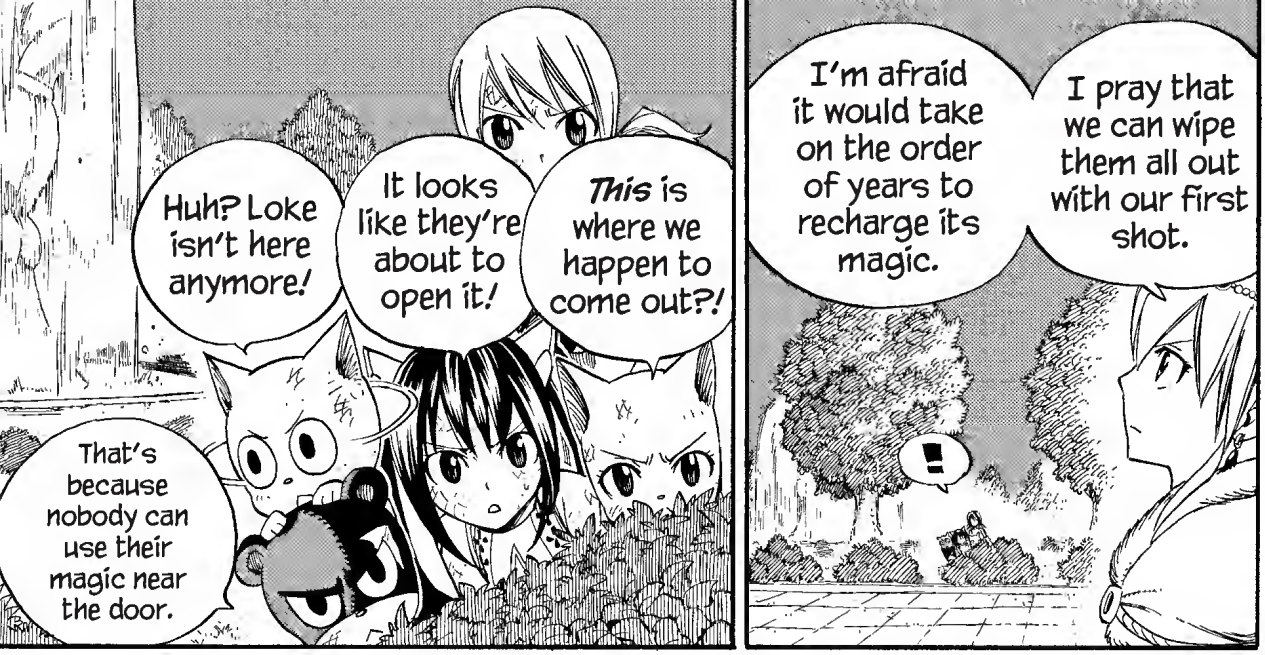
WOOM
So die here and now, Natsu Dragneel!!
I didn't know you were such a jerk!
The years will change anyone.

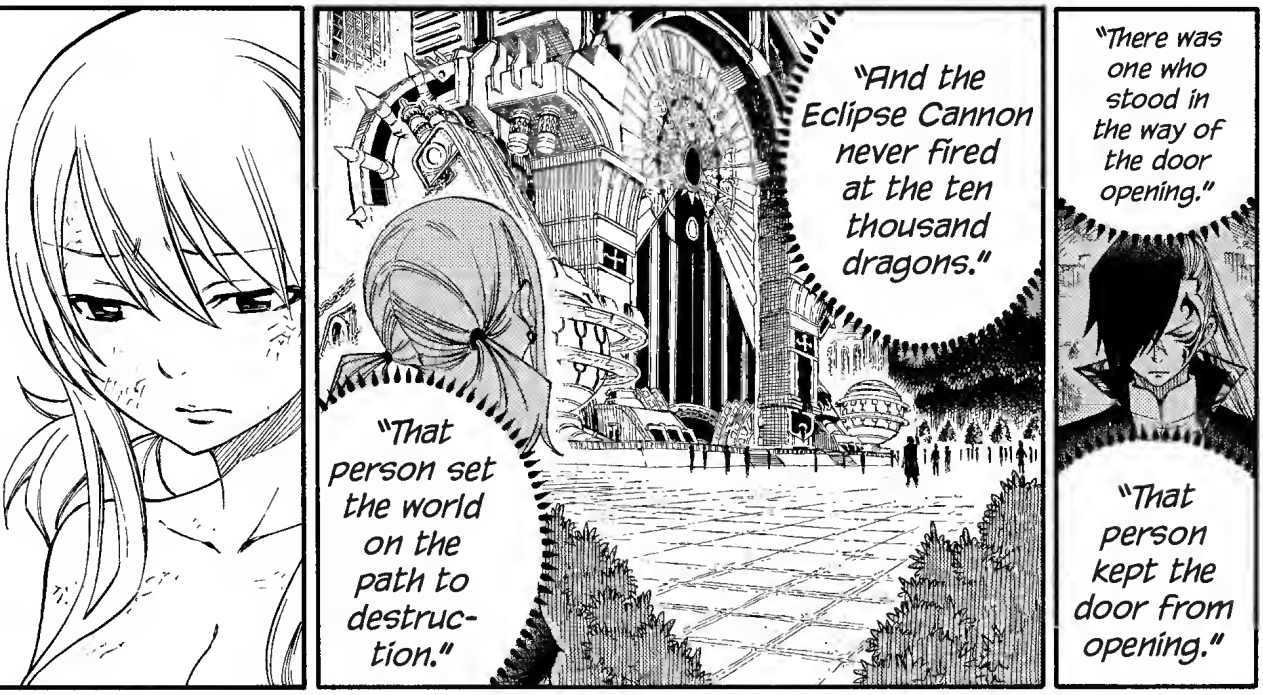
You stole something precious from me right before my eyes!!!
I don't trust your way!!!!
We're gonna protect the future our own way!!!!

Yukino!!
Where are you??!
Yukino !!
Now... let's go!
I beg forgiveness... I simply...
Yukino?! What are you doing in a place like this?!
Mirajane-sama...
Those...who are with me... always seem hounded by misfortune.
...
I will not go anywhere.


PLIP
But...
It's all right.
Nobody I call a friend blames their own bad luck on anybody else.
It has always been true...even from long ago... Those I am with suffer from foul luck.
Everyone has a reason they are alive.
It doesn't matter how small that reason is. And you have a reason, too. I know it.


KACHONK
KACHONK
ZUNN
This is the princess's decision... and I will see it done!
KACHANK
KACHANK
ZUNN ZUNN ZUNN
We're actually going to open it...?
WOOO


Huh? Loke isn't here anymore!
It looks like they're about to open it!
This is where we happen to come out?!
That's because nobody can use their magic near the door.
I'm afraid it would take on the order of years to recharge its magic.
I pray that we can wipe them all out with our first shot.
!


"And the Eclipse Cannon never fired at the ten thousand dragons."
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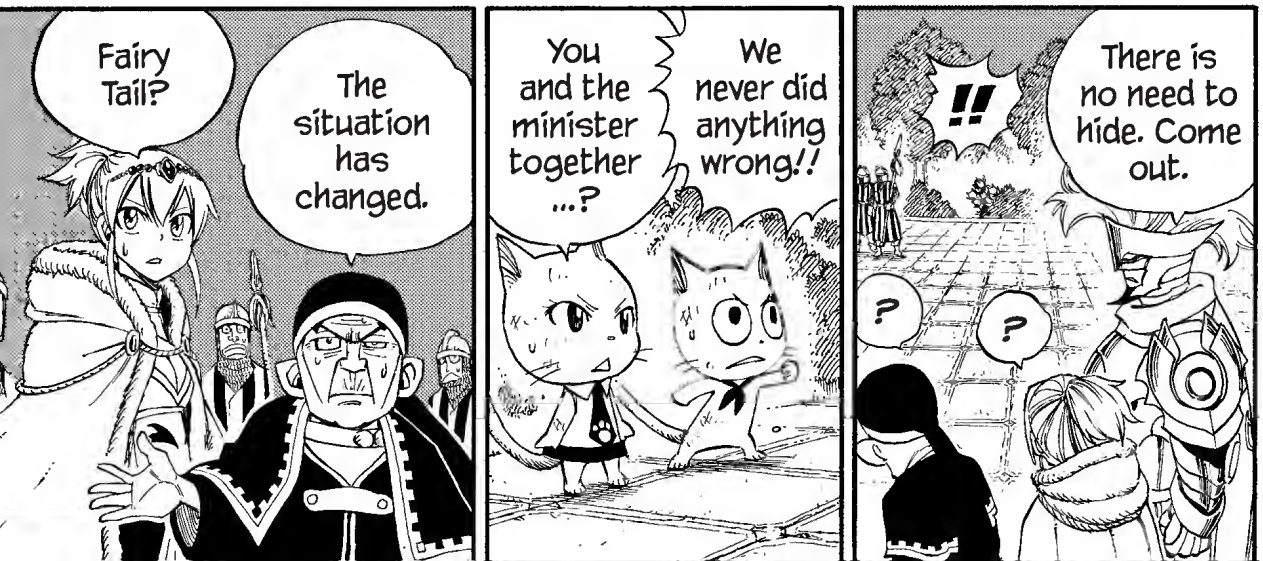
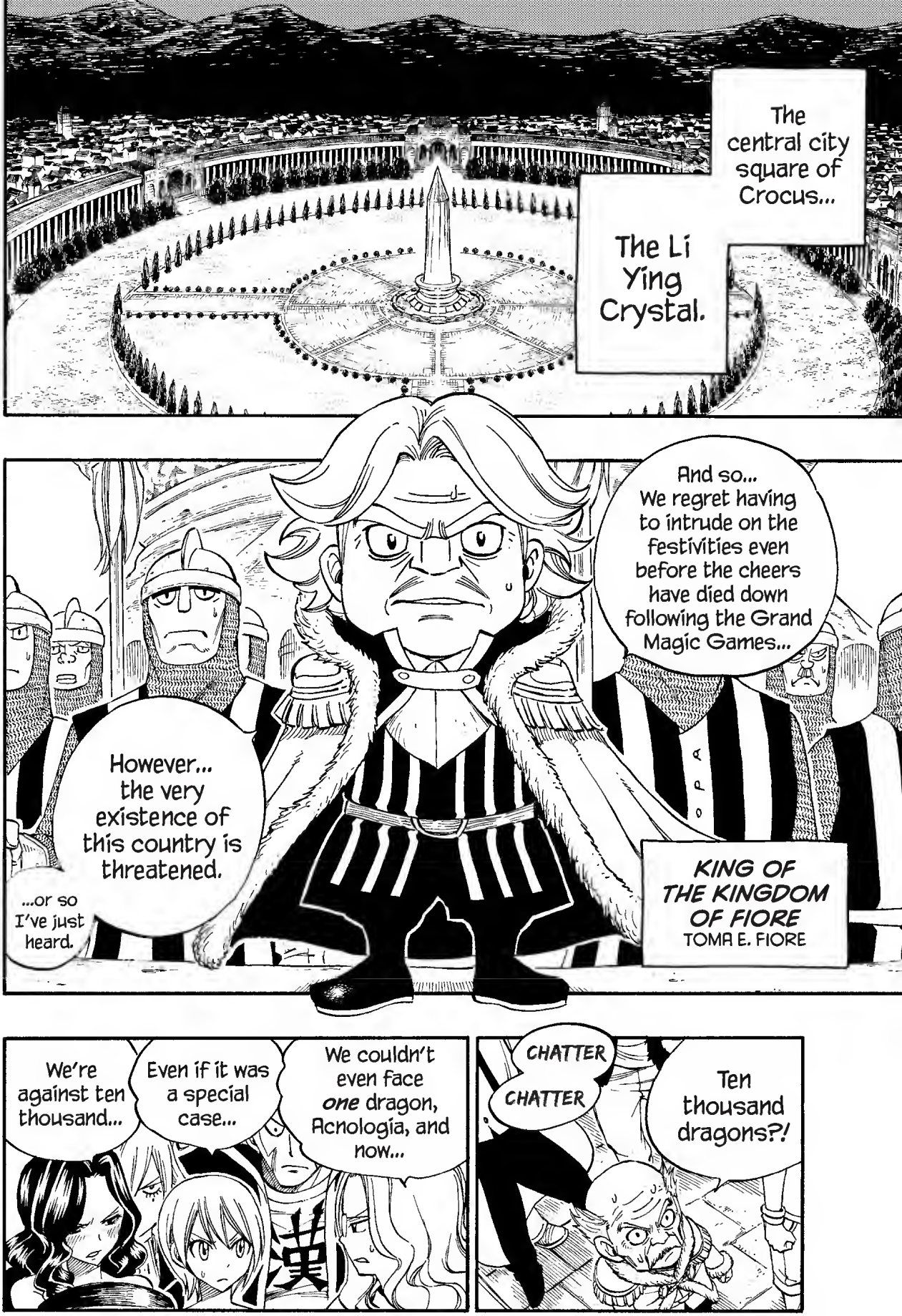
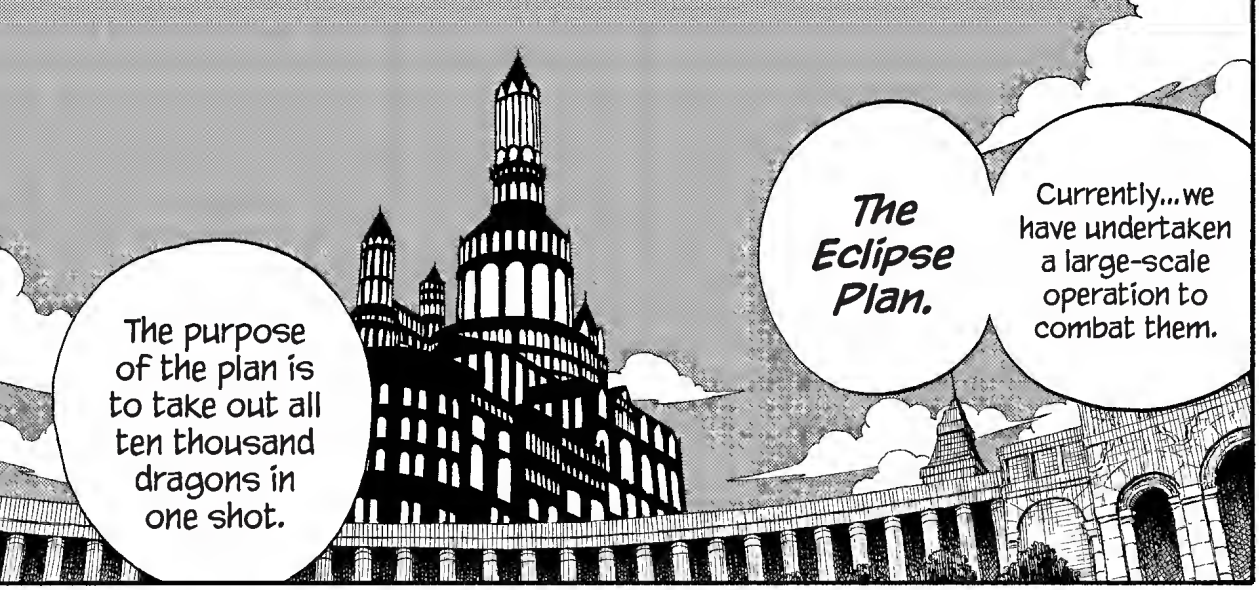
"There was one who stood in the way of the door opening."
"That person kept the door from opening."


Fairy Tail?
The situation has changed.
You and the minister together ...?
We never did anything wrong!!
!!
There is no need to hide. Come out.
?
?

I also offer my congratulations on your win at the Grand Magic Games.
Carla, it's the princess!
However since we're in an emergency situation, I must postpone official apologies to a later date.
We have done you wrong.
Why are you opening the door? The dragons aren't here yet...
I should have expected it.
So everybody... managed to do it!
We won!!!
She was murdered...by the other one from the future. The man.
Come to think of it, where is the "you" of the future?
...
...
Yes... These people know our situation.
They know of the dragons ...

And that is why he tried to kill you?
He said that I was going to stand in the way of getting the door open so the Eclipse Cannon never fired...
!
For the simplest reason of all. The cannon needs time to fire.
If we waited for the dragons to arrive, we'd be out of time.
I won't do anything of the kind!! But... why are you opening the door even though there aren't any dragons?
You will stand in the way?
Will it really take down the dragons? All of them?
I can say... nothing for certain. However, His Majesty should be working on a plan for a worst-case scenario.

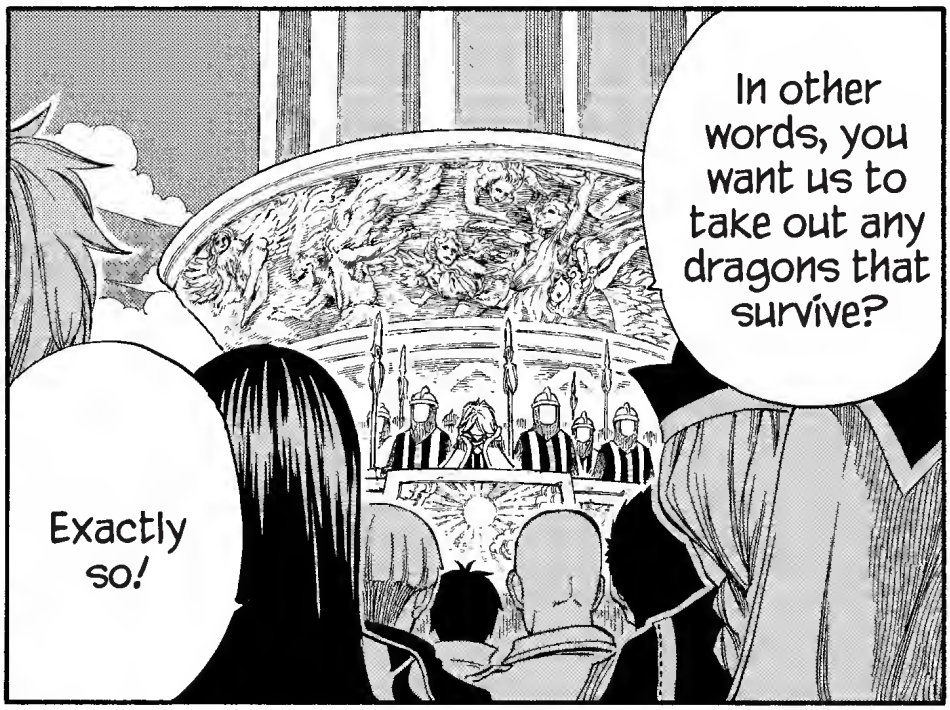

The central city square of Crocus...
The Li Ying Crystal.
And so... We regret having to intrude on the festivities even before the cheers have died down following the Grand Magic Games...
However... the very existence of this country is threatened.
...or so I've just heard.
KING OF THE KINGDOM OF FIORE
TOMA E. FIORE
We're against ten thousand...
Even if it was a special case...
We couldn't even face one dragon, Acnologia, and now...
CHATTER
CHATTER
Ten thousand dragons?!


The purpose of the plan is to take out all ten thousand dragons in one shot.
The Eclipse Plan.
Currently...we have undertaken a large-scale operation to combat them.

We ask all of you who belong to wizard guilds...to please aid us in our time of need.

On the other hand... as this is a huge mass of dragons, We need a plan in case several, or several hundred, dragons survive the attack.

I ask you to save our country!


In other words, you want us to take out any dragons that survive?
Exactly so!

Right!
Of *course* we will!!!!
Just leave them to us!!
We'd never get our butts kicked by a bunch of monsters!!!
This country has always walked *with* magic, right?!!
This is *our* country !!!!

Ohhh...
Ohhh...
Our friends were captured by the Royal Forces...
They're fine! I've heard a report that they recently joined forces with the princess!!
Right!! Time for a another good dust-up!!
Dragons!
It looks like it's our turn.
You can do it, Sting-kun!!
The princess ?
Who knows?
Fro thinks so also!
All the guilds united in one mission!
A wonderful perfume!
Pegasus versus dragons. I can almost picture it!
We have to be on top of our game.
Tsk! If we gotta, we gotta.

For us, it's "Sexy, fwoooh!!"
Fwoooh!
Wild!
No...we must all fight!
Kagura-chan, you *have* to rest!
I will twirl!!! Twirl hard!!!
It's a battle.
Odds are good that she is.
Do you know if Wendy is all right?
Don't you go slowing us down!
It's been quite a while since we stood in battle together.
Pun-kin.
Thank you...
Thank you!
Thank you!

But he said "Eclipse"? Its very existence breaks some thirty laws.
You are Lahar and Doranbolt, are you not?
We should update the council on the situation.
That many wizards with a single purpose...
This is unexpected.
What are you doing here...?!!
Jellal !!
I have a favor to ask.

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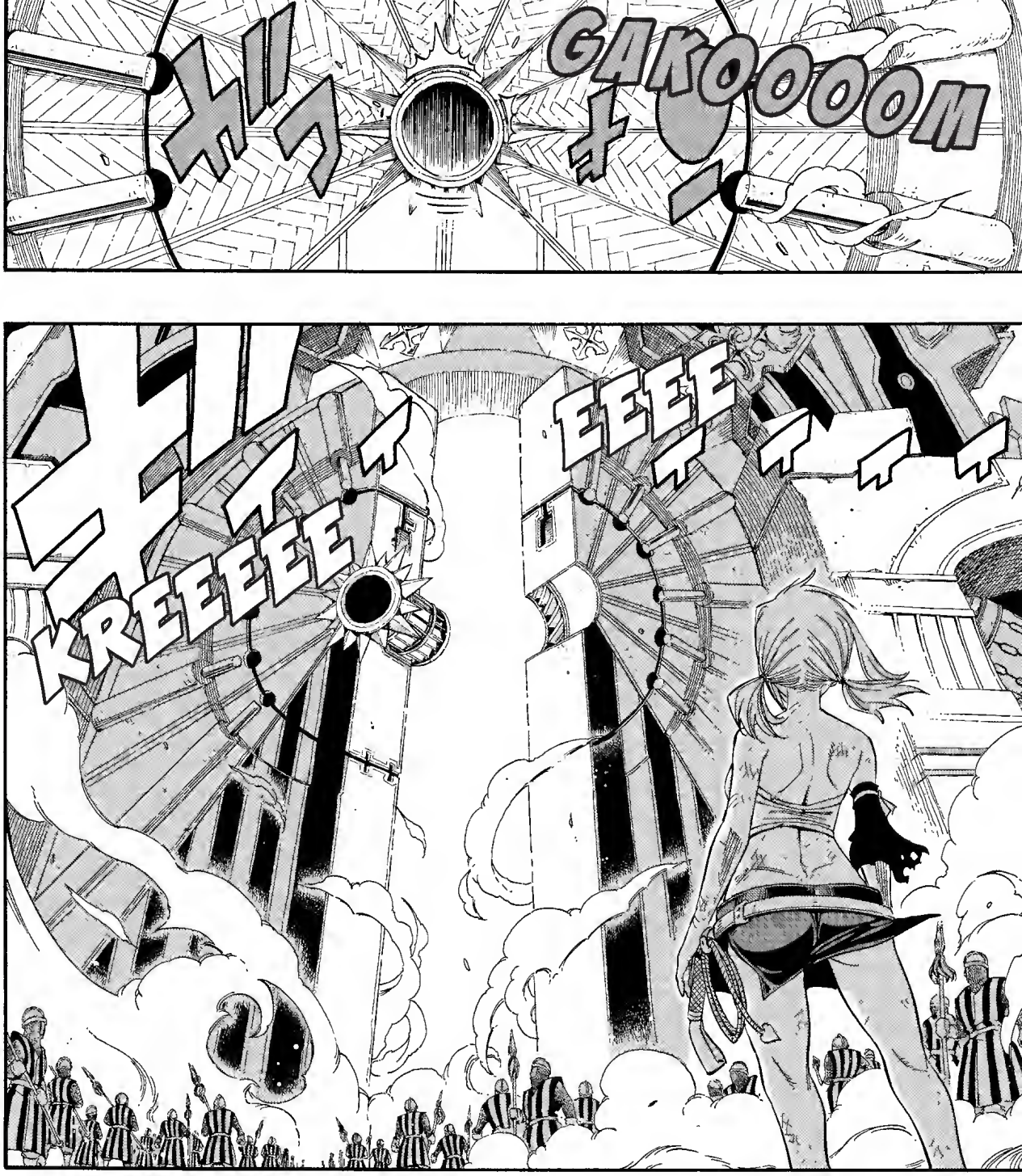
SKRRRRRCH
I smell evil all over you!!
ガリ
GRUNCH
!
You...aren't *really* here to save the future, are you?!


GAKOOOOM
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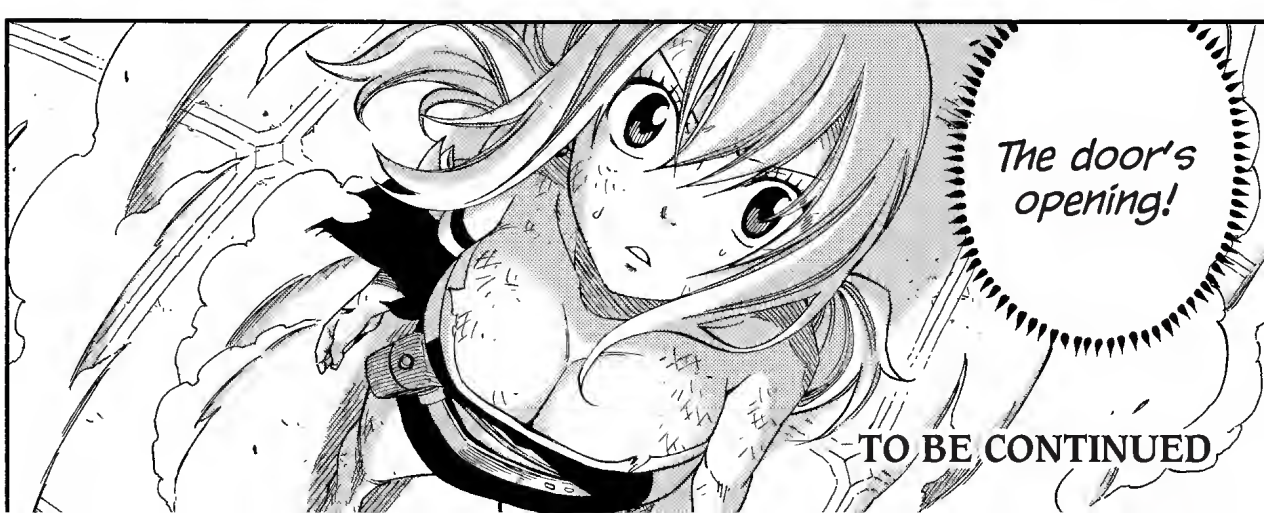
The door's opening!
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Afterword

Ever since I was a kid, I loved manga with battles! I'd try to imagine if this character fought that one, which one would win (so exciting!), and it's probably because I spent my youth steeped in those fantasies that I wound up drawing battle manga myself. But there are plenty of other manga doing tournaments and competition stories, huh? And then they'd have great plot twists! Yeah, battle manga is the ultimate path for manga!

But I'm a little twisted myself, so even if I'm doing a tournament, I try to make sure that battles aren't all there is to it. Sure, I thought of plot lines that are just about the battles... But if I just did that, then the chances for the main character, Natsu, to show his stuff get drastically reduced. So I do battle, break, battle, and behind it all, I have another story going on (the Eclipse plan), until it becomes a really complicated plot. In fact, it was so complicated, there were a lot of places where my original ideas started to be inconsistent with how they actually went. So much so that as things went on, there were so many adjustments and rewrites to keep things on track in this story arc that it was wearing me out! I'll bet you can still find all sorts of contradictions that are still in there (sweat)!

Now, in the Japanese release of Volume 39 there will again be a normal version and a special edition. In the special edition, there will be an anime DVD that includes a collaboration between Fairy Tail and my previous work, Rave. After so long, we get to see moving versions of Haru and Elie!

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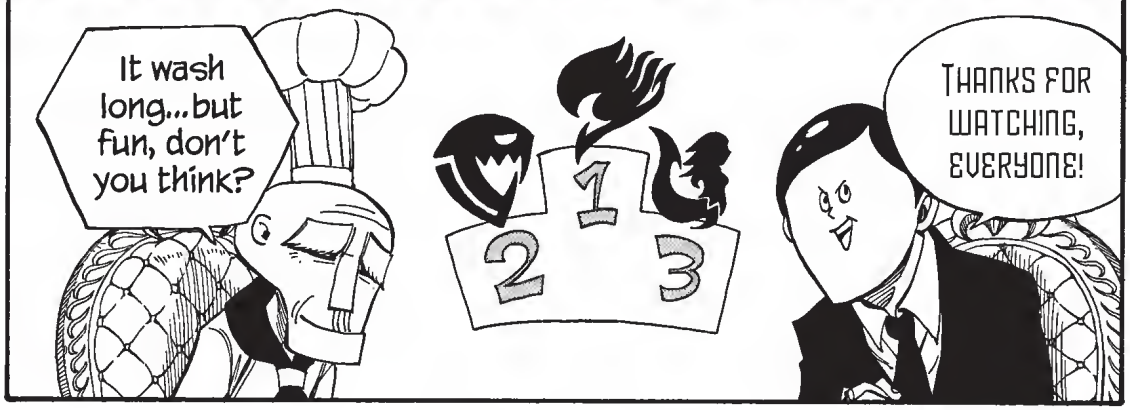

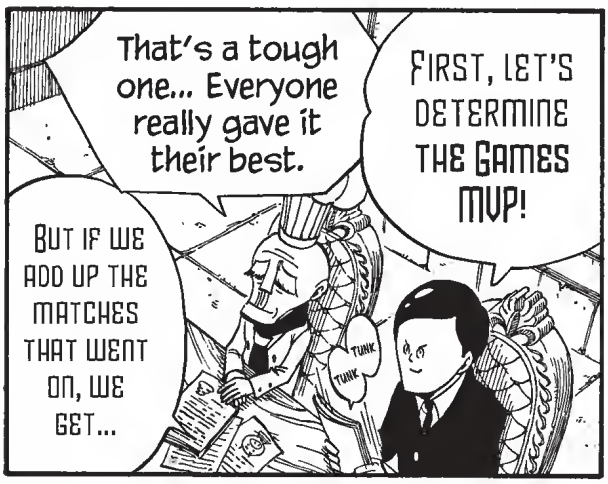

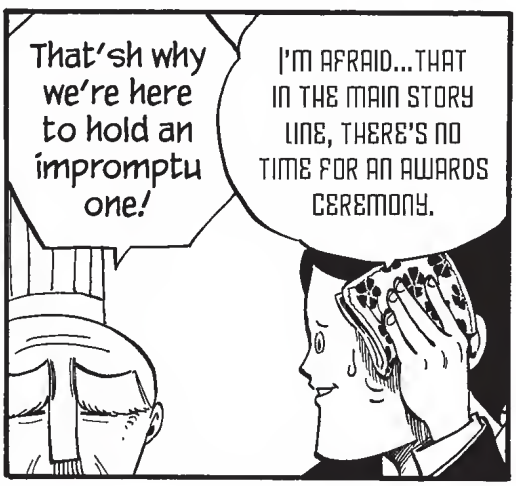

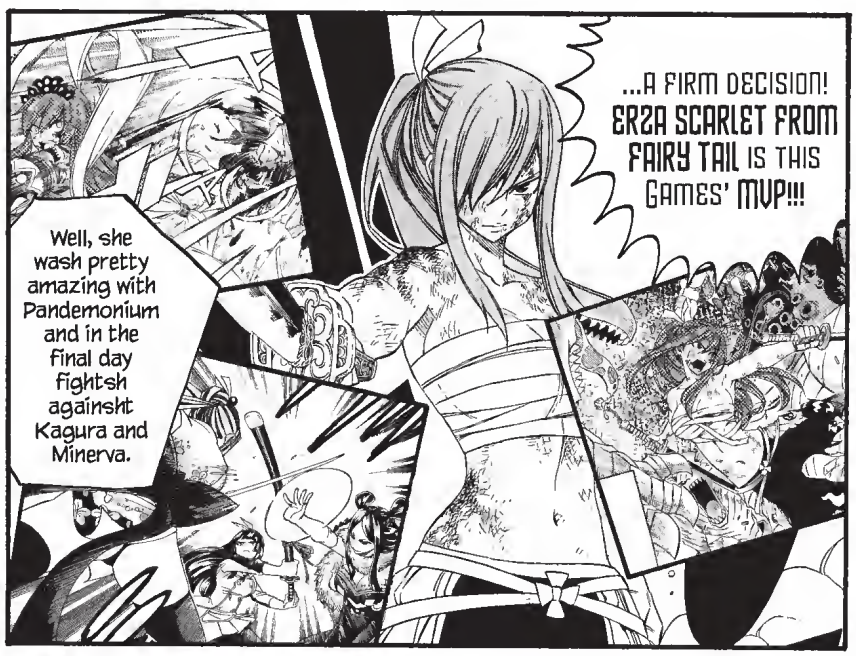

And the worst would be Raven's Kurohebi vs. Toby from Lamia Scale.
We'd have to call the best bout as Fairy Tail's Natsu and Gajeel versus Saber's Twin Dragons.
DOOOOM
GRAKK
Let's go!
GROOGGH
DOOOM
Mm... It was a very good match.
HA HA HA
We're the be we're the Numb One!
Coolest contestant goes to Kagura of Mermaid Heel!
Olga of Saber Tooth has been chosen for best performance.
Most tenacious goes to Lucy of Fairy Tail!
The sexiest contestant goes to Jenny of Blue Pegasus.
I hope there ish a next year!
Everyone, we hope to see you right back here next year!
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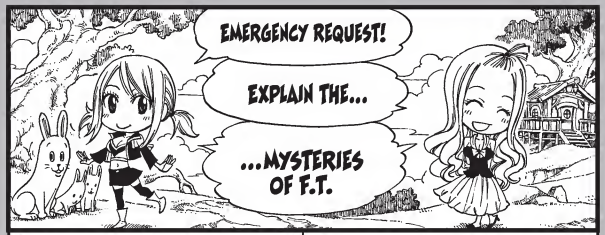

At some open space somewhere...

: Hellal!♡

: What that, all of a sudden?

Mira: It's "Hello all" shortened. Hellal! ♡

Lucy: That is *never* going to catch on!

Mira: Let's have the first question of this column!

In Pandemonium, Erza defeated 100 monsters, but wouldn't she have won with just 51?

Lucy: We got a *lot* of this one!

Mira: It's a little on the "old" side, but since we got so many of them, we decided to pick it out and answer it.

Lucy: I'll bet nobody even remembers the rules to it.

Mira: There was an actual reason for her actions, from Erza's point of view. And it's a very Erza thing to do.

Lucy: Is that so?

Mira: Remember the order of players in the game.

: If I remember right, Erza was first, and the middle guys are a blur, and finally came Cana, I think.

Mira: That's it! That's the point. Sure, if she defeated 51 monsters, she'd win, but afterwards, the rest of the field would have to finish off the other 49.

: You're right! With everybody going in order and Cana last in line, it'd be very unlikely for Cana to come in second.

: She wouldn't have known that the next game would be "MPF," but she defeated all hundred monsters hoping to give Cana a better chance.

Lucy: That's Erza for you!

Mira: Next question!

I get the feeling there are too many brothers and sisters in this manga.

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Lucy: .....

Mira: .....

: I'd say there's not much we can do about that.

: True... The longer you go on a manga, the more similar setups start to appear...

Lucy: Your relationship with Elfman was hidden at the very beginning, huh?

Mira: At least from the readers. But we were the first brother-sister combination in the concept.

Lucy: And it's pretty obvious that certain brother-sister relationships were added in after the fact...

: You're not supposed to say that.

Lucy: I'm a little jealous since it's only in the anime that I get anything close to a brother or sister.

Mira: Actually there are some sibling pairings that have been set up, but still haven't been revealed. But with readers saying, "there are too many brother-sister pairings," the author may flinch at revealing them now.

Lucy: You mean about Yukino?

Mira: I'm sure there are many people who are already aware of that one, but I'm talking about some that haven't been touched on yet.

: Whoa! Now you've got me curious!! Who are you talking about?!

Mira: It's a secret. It still may come out in the story, although we don't know for sure.

Lucy: Okay, last question.

How many volumes is FT going to go?

**The previous series, Rave, went 35 volumes.*

Mira: Recently this question has been coming up a lot!

Lucy: Yeah. Since it really seems like it's coming to a big climax, there are a lot of people who think this series is racing toward its final volume.

Mira: To tell the truth, there's been no decision on what volume it will end, but it's still got a long way to go. I'm pretty sure.

: If you collect the stories of this particular story arc, it started with a theme of "festival."

Mira: But the story has gone on a long time with so many characters!

Lucy: But if you're worried that it's almost over, you can relax.

: Please stay with us, okay?

: Wow! We wrapped that up really nicely!! Sure, we started out with a weird "hello" at the beginning, but we pulled it all together in a pretty package!

Mira: "Weird hello?"

Lucy: You've forgotten already.

Mira: Of course I remember!

Moun-tain-li-on-pon!

: Nope. Not that.

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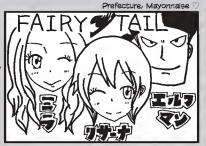

They're always such a close family! I'm happy that people draw pictures like this!

Fukuoka Prefecture, Akane Saji

I'm so thankful to the fans who came up with these characters!

Okayama Prefecture, Shiryū

▲Big brother Thunder is strong and cool, huh? We gotta give him more chances to shine.

Nagasaki Prefecture, Tomoka Sasano

▲He says this is how Yajima-san looked when he was a working wizard! Is that true?! (laughs)

Yamaguchi Prefecture, Yuririn

▲Now this is adorable! I must say that Gray looks cute in a cat costume.

Saitama Prefecture, Ryōta Takada

▲Ohh! Natsu together with the Twin Dragons! Very cool!!

Saitama Prefecture, Ayaka Sato

▲The composition and layout are quite professional. Very well done!!

Hyogo Prefecture, Choko

▲Kamika-san. She doesn't stand out very much, but she is very tall.

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Shimane Prefecture, Miina

▲Her impish grin is incredibly cute!

Mie Prefecture, Kairi

▲A great gathering of Celestial Spirits! Ah! Only the girls, huh?

Okayama Prefecture, King♪

▲Is he male? Is she female? Pro has a lot of mysteries. But the most basic is: Is this a cat or a frog?

Iwate Prefecture, Mameko

▲She's a ghost, but the first master snows up quite a lot. And she still has secrets.

Whoa! That is amazingly cute! I'll do my best! I can't help but do my best now!

Kanagawa Prefecture, Koro Koro

Wendy making a bunch of different faces. So well done!! And for some reason Plue is there too.

Hokkaido, Shinto Ishikawa

One of the great things to have watched during the games was how Chapati coordinated his wigs!

Hyogo Prefecture, Yura Ikari

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FROM HIRO MASHIMA

Recently, I've been trying out a lot of paint programs, but there still isn't any that I'd hold up and say, "This is my ideal paint program!!" While trying to color a drawing, I'm always frustrated that it doesn't have this feature or that feature. The drawing on the cover of this book has three types of coloring, all of them different.

Original Jacket Design: Hisao Ogawa

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 15, Waxwing

A waxwing is a small perching bird, varieties of which can be found in Japan, Asia, Europe, and North America. The Japanese variety is called *renjaku* by the Japanese.

Page 55, Mizuchi

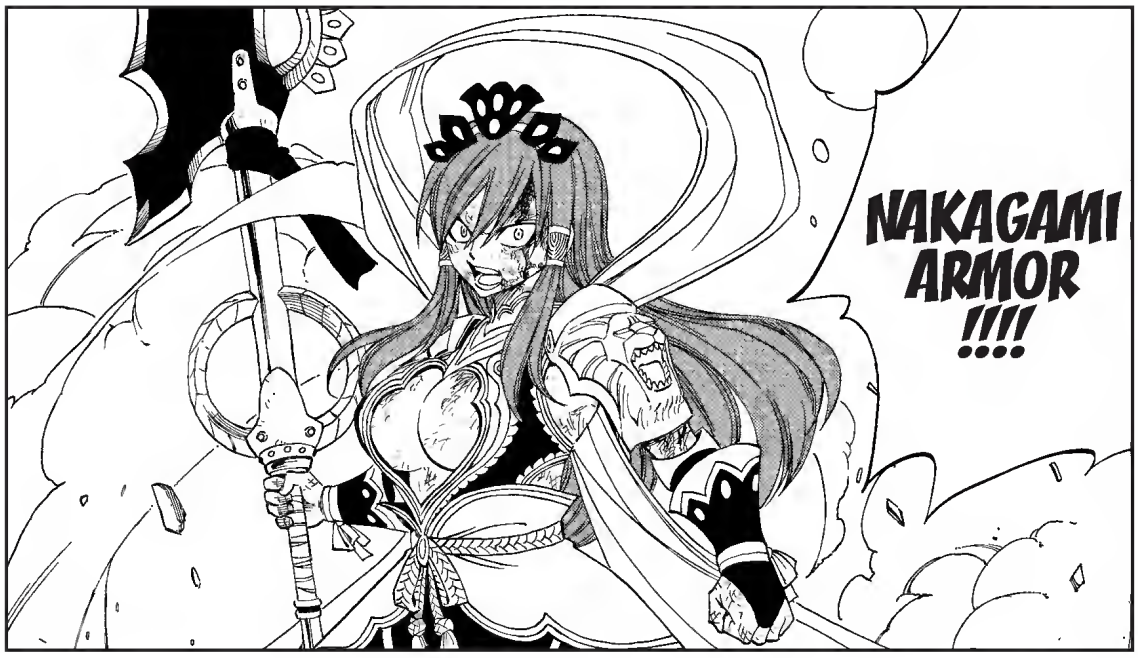
Lyon's attack, Mizuchi, refers to a dragon out of Japanese legends. The early legends regarding Mizuchi have been lost, so it is not known whether it originally referred to a single dragon or all dragons with a close relationship with water, however existing early legends connect them to rivers or the sea.

Page 71, Scree

Scree is the English word for Jura's *gaisui* attack. It refers to the pile of rocky debris that accumulates at the base of cliffs and other steep slopes. It is also known as a talus.

Page 83, Nakagami Armor

Nakagami, also known as Tenichijin or Tenitsujin, is one of the Twelve Generals of Heaven as described by the famous *onmyôji* (astrologer and mystic) Abe no Seimei during the Heian period a thousand years ago. The Twelve Generals refer to constellations, and among the twelve used in Abe no Seimei's astrology, Nakagami was the chief of the twelve god generals.



Page 86, Narumikazuchi

Although the normal word for thunder and lighting in Japanese is *kaminari*, there is another word, *ikazuchi*, which connotes to Japanese speakers lightning directed by a god. Indeed there is a god's name, Takemikazuchi, which uses the term *mikazuchi*, although this translator was not able to find any reference to a specific god named Narumikazuchi. *Naru* means a roar as in a lion's, and *mikazuchi* means thunder and lightning, so the translation is correct. Unfortunately, the English was not able to carry the nuance of god-directed lightning that is in the Japanese.

Page 101, Nakagami Asterism

As mentioned above, Nakagami was taken from the astrology of Abe no Seimei, and those relate to constellations in the night sky. However, technically some "constellations" such as the Big Dipper are not actual official constellations, but pictures that the stars make in the sky. (The stars of the big dipper are only a part of the Ursa Major constellation.) There is a word for the pictures the stars make in the sky, such as the big dipper or the teapot of Sagittarius: They are called "asterisms." The Japanese name for the attack, *seisai*, means "asterism."

Page 125, There and Back Again

The Japanese words used in the title of this chapter are the same words that are found in the official Japanese title for the book, The Hobbit.

Chapter 323: The Shadow: There and Back Again

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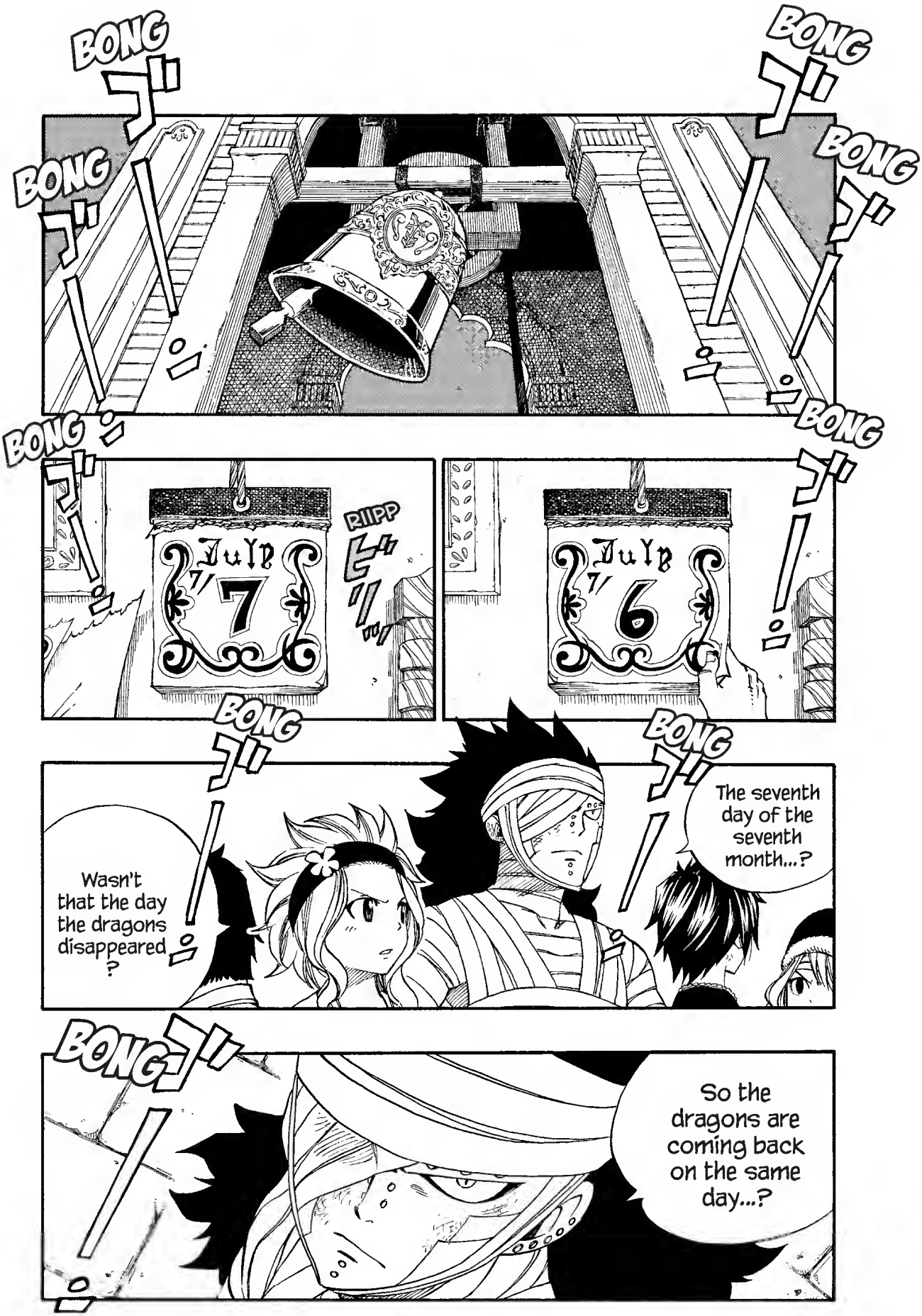
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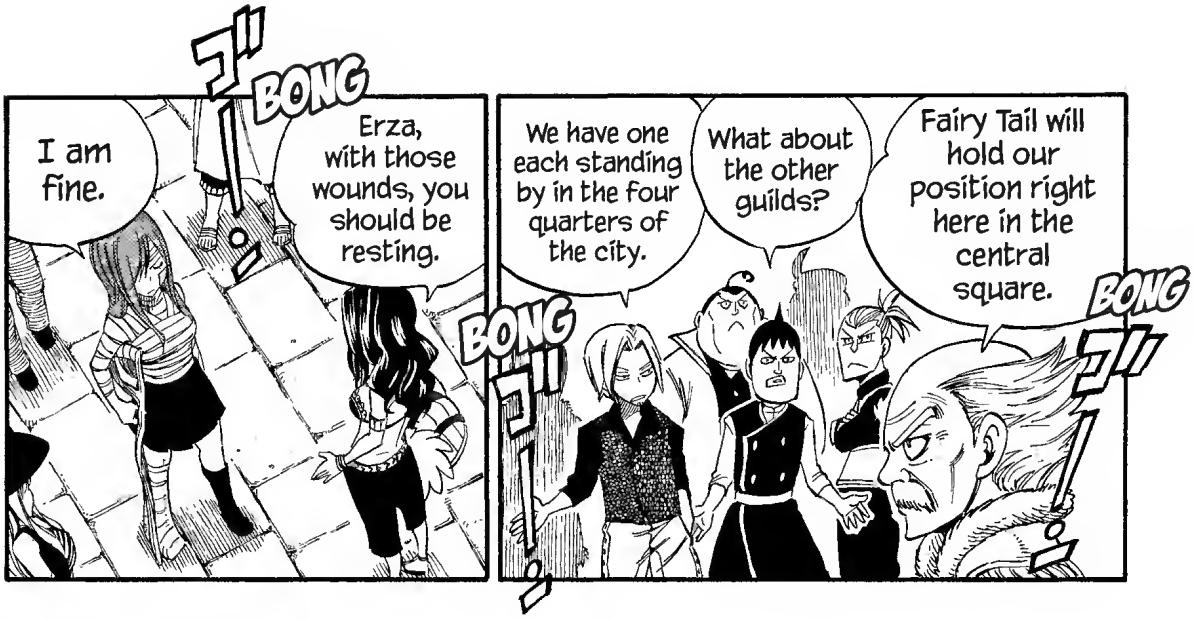
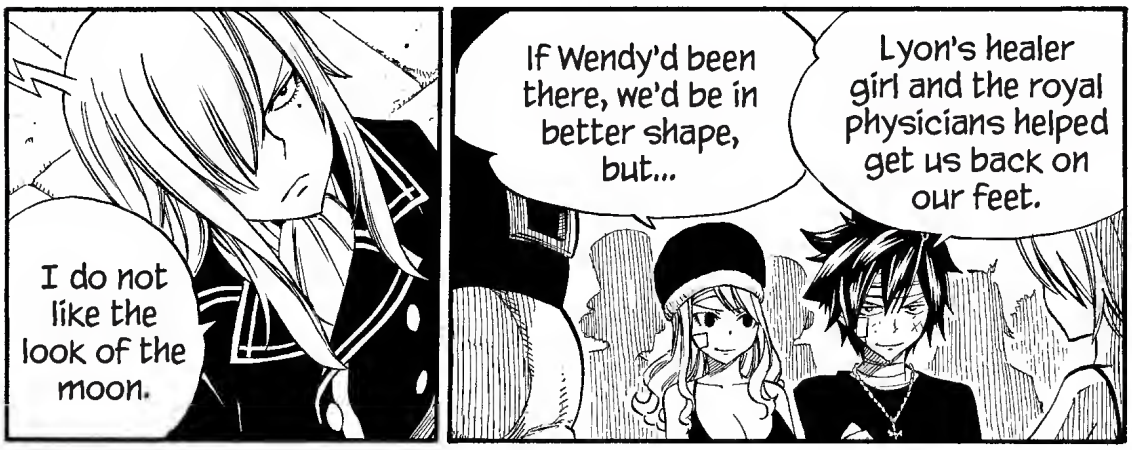
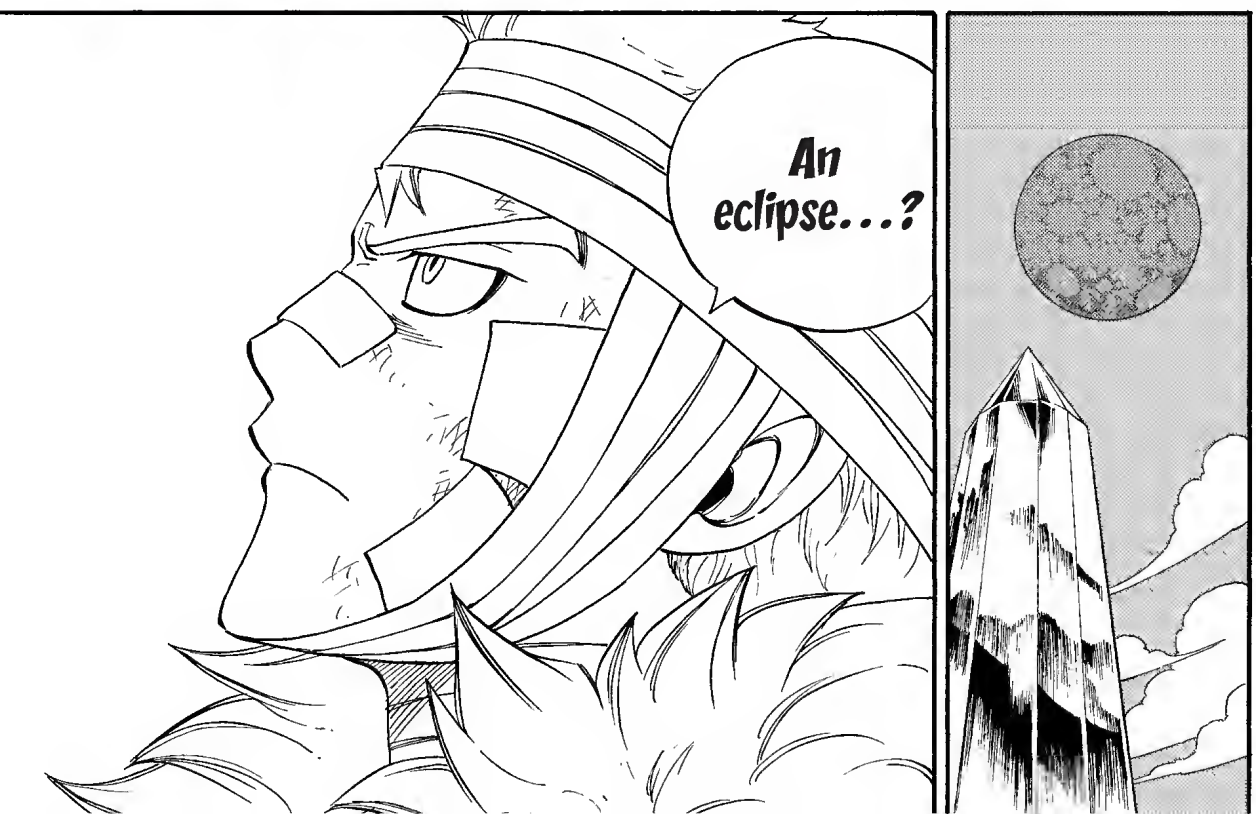
Wasn't that the day the dragons disappeared?
The seventh day of the seventh month...?
BONG
So the dragons are coming back on the same day...?


I am fine.
Erza, with those wounds, you should be resting.
BONG
We have one each standing by in the four quarters of the city.
What about the other guilds?
Fairy Tail will hold our position right here in the central square.
BONG
BONG


I do not like the look of the moon.
If Wendy'd been there, we'd be in better shape, but...
Lyon's healer girl and the royal physicians helped get us back on our feet.


An eclipse...?

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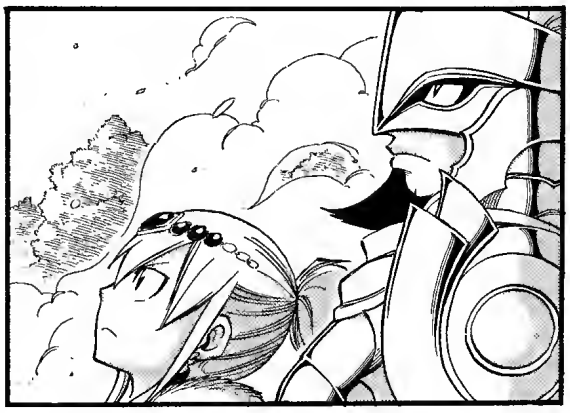

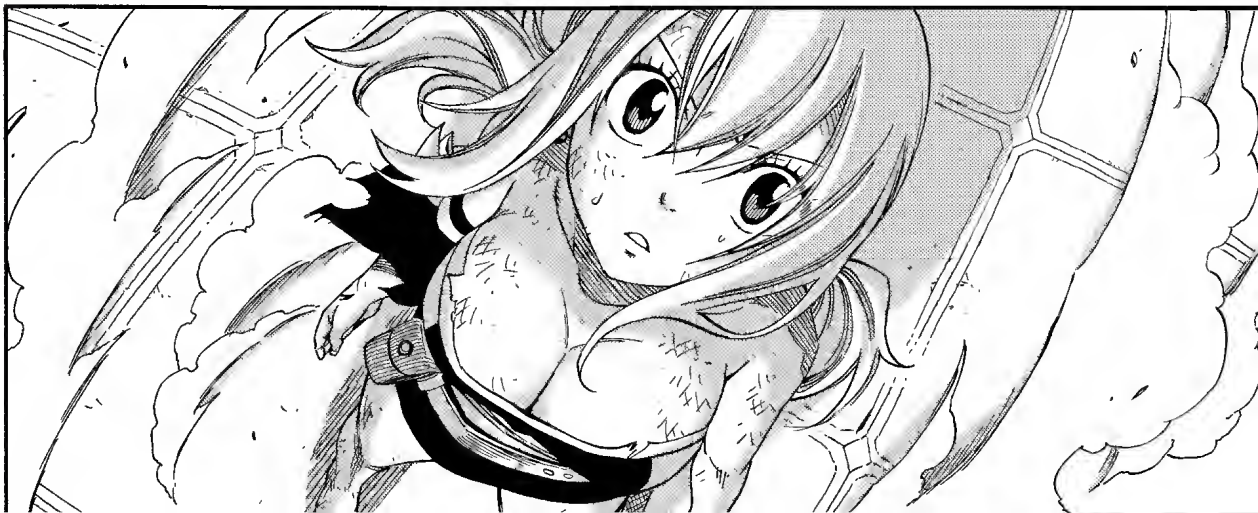

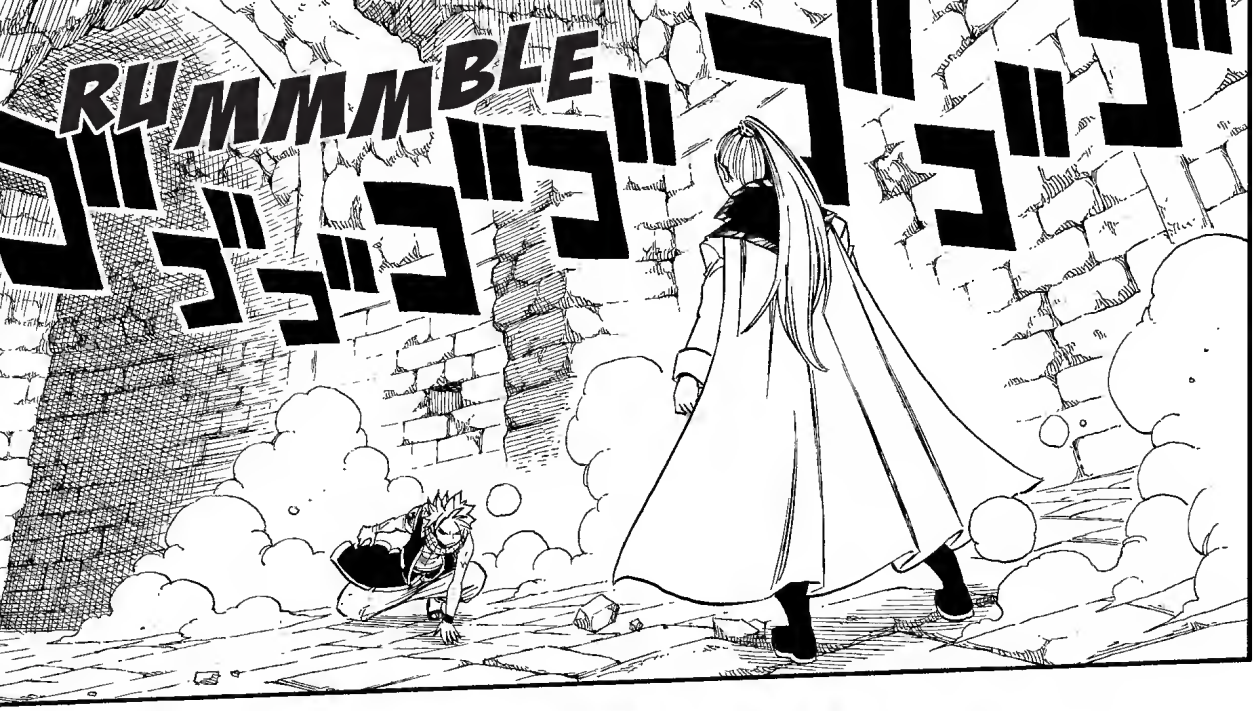
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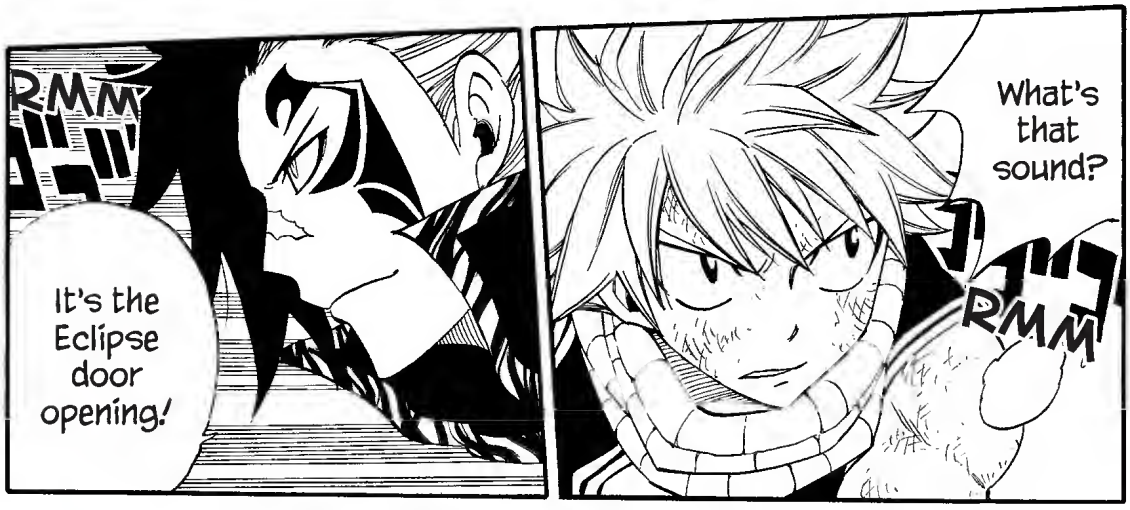

RMM
It's the Eclipse door opening!
What's that sound?
RMM

KAGOOM
But... she will definitely be an obstacle!
The door's open!
You didn't have to kill Lucy!

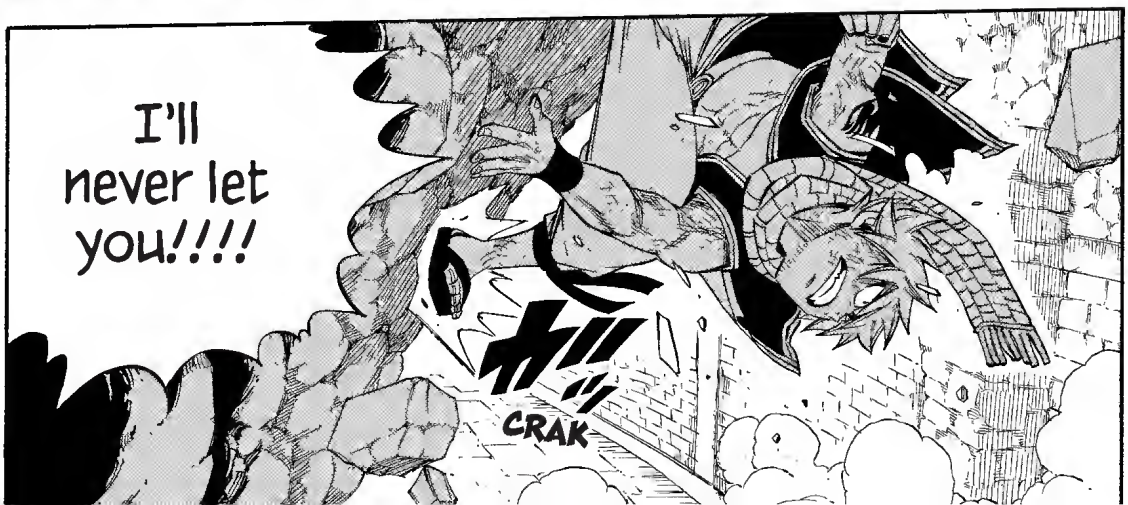
VOOM!
Lucy wouldn't do that!!!
She is fated to close the door!
ZWASH

There's no way she'd ever hurt our future!!!!

Be gone.

GAAH!!
OOGH
WH

I'm going to kill Lucy.


I'll never let you!!!!
CRAK

RAIEN-RYÛ MODE*!!!!
100
*Thunder-Fire Dragon Mode
WHOOM
!!

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